

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and China

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of a further modification of its bilateral agreement with China, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. Restraints were agreed on several categories with effect from 1 January 1984.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹The original agreement, an agreed visa system and a previous modification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/896, 951 and 1025. At the time of the notification of the agreement China was not a participating country

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1135

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UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the People's Republic of China exchanged notes dated 5 June and 17 June 1985, to effect amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the two governments. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE 1

Beijing, 5 June 1985

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and has the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, and extended by Protocol on 22 December 1981 (the Arrangement), and to the agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, effected by exchange of notes in Beijing on 19 August 1983 (the Agreement). The Embassy also refers to discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States and the Government of the People's Republic of China in Washington on 7-11 January and 26 February-4 March, in Beijing on 25-29 March and in Washington on 20-24 May 1985.

The Embassy of the United States has the honour to propose, on behalf of its government, that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to include the following specific limits:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
317	syd ^{1/}	15,000,000	15,600,000	16,224,000	16,872,960
317 (pt)	syd ^{2/}	(3,000,000)	(3,120,000)	(3,244,800)	(3,374,592)
320 (pt)	syd ^{2/}	13,250,000	13,780,000	14,331,200	14,904,448
336	doz	115,000	118,450	122,004	125,664
352	doz ^{3/}	1,200,000	1,254,000	1,310,430	1,369,399
359 (pt)	lbs ^{3/}	675,000	708,750	744,188	781,397
444	doz	15,000	15,150	15,302	15,455
613 (pt)	syd ^{4/}	23,500,000	24,205,000	24,931,150	25,679,084
639	doz	935,000	958,375	982,334	1,006,893
649	doz	580,000	603,200	627,328	652,421
669 (pt)	lbs ^{5/}	2,350,000	2,491,000	2,640,460	2,798,888

^{1/} 317 (pt) includes only 1984 TSUSA numbers 320.-- through 331.--, with statistical suffixes 54 and 60.

^{2/} 320 (pt) includes only 1984 TSUSA numbers 320.--92, 321.--92, 322.--92, 326.--92, 327.--92, 328.--92.

^{3/} 359 (pt) includes only 1984 TSUSA numbers 379.0822, 379.6410, 383.0828 and 383.5035.

^{4/} 613 (pt) includes only 1984 TSUSA numbers 338.5035, 338.5036, 338.5039, 338.5041 and 338.5069.

^{5/} 669 (pt) includes only 1984 TSUSA number 385.5300.

Swing shall apply according to paragraph 5 of the Agreement.

These proposals reflect the views of both sides concerning the understandings reached during these several discussions. The Government of the United States understands that the Government of the People's Republic of China may desire further discussions on the matter of carryover and carry forward. However, until otherwise agreed, paragraph 7 of the Agreement will apply.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of China, this note and the note of the Government of the People's Republic of China of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs its highest consideration.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA NOTE 1

Washington, 17 June 1985

Mrs. Ann L. Hollick
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Department of State

Madam

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated 5 June 1985, through your Embassy in Beijing, relating to the proposed amendment to the Textile Agreement between our two countries.

I have the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China that the proposed amendment conforms with the understanding of my government and agree that your note and this note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two governments.

As your government understands, my government would like to further discuss the matter of carryover and carry forward with respect to these categories.

Accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador of
the People's Republic of China

UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the People's Republic of China exchanged notes in Washington to effect amendment to the bilateral textile agreement between the two governments. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE 2

Washington, 1 July 1985

His Excellency Han Xu
Ambassador of the People's
Republic of China
Washington

Excellency

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973 and extended by Protocol on 22 December 1981 (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, effected by exchange of notes in Beijing on 19 August 1983, as amended (the Agreement). I also refer to discussions between representatives of our governments in Washington on 7-11 January and 26 February-4 March, in Beijing on 25-29 March, and in Washington on 20-24 May 1985.

I have the honour to propose, on behalf of my government, that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to include the following specific limit:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
313	syd	49,150,000	50,526,200	51,940,934	53,395,280

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of China, this note and the Embassy's note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA NOTE 2

Washington, 1 July 1985

Mr. Gerlad Monroe
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
Department of State
Washington

Dear Mr. Monroe

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated 1 July 1985 relating to the proposed amendment to the Textile Agreement between our two countries.

I have the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China that the proposed amendment conforms with the understanding of my government and agree that your note and this note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two countries.

Accept the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.