

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1295*

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and China

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with China. Specific limits were agreed on Categories 319 (cotton duck), 637 (mmf playsuits), 650 (mmf dressing gowns) and 659-S (mmf swimwear).¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement, an agreed visa system and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/896, 951, 1025, 1130, 1140, 1167 and 1252. China was not participating in the MFA when the agreement and the last amendment were notified.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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**THE 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 on March 15, 1987 and March 18, 1987 to amend their bilateral textile agreement between the two Governments. Text of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

March 16, 1987

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products effected by exchange of notes in Beijing on August 19, 1983 (the Agreement), as amended. I also have the honor to refer to discussions between our two Governments held in Washington D.C. from February 23 - 27, 1987 regarding the Agreement.

As a result of these discussions, I propose on behalf of the Government of the United States, the following amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments:

1) Annex B of the Agreement shall be amended to include the Specific Limits listed below:

Category	1987
319	2,150,000 SYD
637	270,000 DOZ
650	88,000 DOZ
659-S	1,050,000 LBS (400,763) DOZ

- 2) Swing of 5 percent shall be available on the above Specific Limits. In addition, a special shift of 10 percent shall be available from any other Specific Limit into Category 637.
- 3) Overshipments of 5,000 dozen shall be charged to the 1987 limit for Category 637 and, under the new agreement, in each of the next four years.
- 4) The United States Government agrees to rescind its request for consultations on Category 330/630, but reserves its right to request consultations in the future should the situation warrant.
- 5) The following Specific Limits are agreed for the new Agreement to begin on January 1, 1988.

Category	1988		Annual Growth Rate
319	2,214,500	SYD	3.0
637	276,210	DOZ	2.3
650	90,464	DOZ	2.8
659-S	1,076,250	LBS	2.5
	(410,782)	DOZ	

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

For the Secretary of State:

CHINA NOTE

March 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated March 16, 1987 relating to the proposed amendment to the Textile Agreement between our two countries.

I have the honor 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.

For the Ambassador of
the People's Republic of China