

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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COM.TEX/SB/1318*

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Bilateral agreement between the United States and China

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a bilateral agreement covering cotton coats (Category 335) concluded with China for the period 1 January 1988 to 31 December 1991.¹

The TSB, pursuant to² its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹The previous bilateral agreement and modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/896, 951, 1025, 1130, 1140, 1167, 1252 and 1295.

²COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³For the TSB's observations on this notification see COM.TEX/SB/1325.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

**UNITED STATES AND CHINA SIGN NEW
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT**

The United States and China exchanged letters on August 10, 1987, to establish a new Bilateral Textile Agreement. Text of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

Mr. Chen Shibiao
Commercial Counselor
Embassy of the People's
Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

August 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Chen:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by Protocol on July 31, 1986 (the Arrangement). I also refer to recent discussions concerning a new bilateral textile agreement between representatives of our two Governments held in Washington, D.C.

As a result of these discussions, I have the honor to propose the following agreement between our two governments:

1) The following Specific Limit is established for the new Agreement to begin on January 1, 1988.

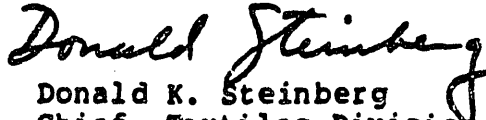
Category	Unit	1988	1989	1990	1991
335	Doz	325,000	333,775	342,787	352,042

2) Carryforward of up to 75,000 dozen shall be available in 1987 for Category 335. The amount of carryforward used in 1987 shall be deducted from the 1988 Specific Limit for Category 335.

3) If a new bilateral textile Agreement is not reached by December 31, 1987, the Specific Limits for Category 335 listed in (1) above shall be effective for the period January 1, 1988 through December 31, 1991. The period for these Specific Limits shall not prejudice the views of either Government concerning the term of a new bilateral Agreement.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of China, then this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,


Donald K. Steinberg
Chief, Textiles Division
Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs

CHINA LETTER

August 10, 1987

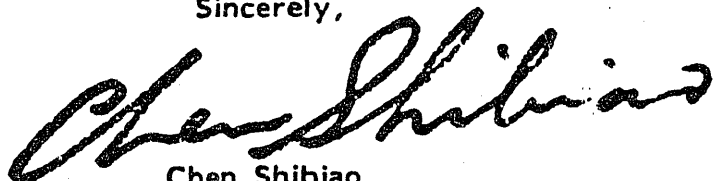
Mr. Donald K. Steinberg
Chief, Textiles Division
Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 10, 1987 relating to the new agreement on Category 335 between our two countries.

I have the honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China that the proposal contained in your letter conforms with the understanding of my Government and agree that your letter and this letter shall constitute a new agreement on Category 335 between our two Governments.

Sincerely,



Chen Shibiao
Commercial Counsellor
The Chinese Embassy