

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Jamaica

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Jamaica. Product coverage was extended to include sweaters of other vegetable fibres (Category 845); specific limits on Categories 341/641, 345/845, 445/6, designated consultation limits on Categories 352/652 and 632 and guaranteed access levels¹ on Categories 340/640, 341/641, 345/845, 352/652 and 632 were established.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications made under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the³ text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement contained in COM.TEX/SB/1236 was transmitted under Articles 7 and 8 as Jamaica was not participating in the MFA at the time of notification.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³For the TSB's observation on this notification see COM.TEX/SB/1328.

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**UNITED STATES AND JAMAICA AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT**

The United States and Jamaica exchanged notes to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follows:

UNITED STATE NOTE

Washington

March 3, 1987

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Jamaica and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States and Jamaica relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in Jamaica and exported to the United States, including apparel and made-up textile products assembled in Jamaica wholly from components cut in the United States from fabrics formed in the United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1986, (hereafter called "the Agreement.") The Secretary further refers to consultations held in Washington, D.C. on January 21 and 22, 1987, and February 6 and 7, 1987.

The Secretary of State proposes amending the Agreement to establish Guaranteed Access Levels for the following categories within Group I:

Category	Levels	
	June 1, 1987- December 31, 1987	1988 and 1989
341/641	116,667 dozen	200,000 dozen
345/845	29,167 dozen	50,000 dozen
352/652	554,167 dozen	950,000 dozen
632	729,167 dozen pair	1,250,000 dozen pair
Category	September 1, 1986- December 31, 1987	1988 and 1989
340/640	200,000 dozen	200,000 dozen

The Secretary further proposes establishing Designated Consultation Levels pursuant to the Agreement for the following categories within Group II:

Category	Limits June 1, 1987- December 31, 1987	Annual Limits 1988 and 1989
352/652	58,333 dozen	100,000 dozen
632	58,333 dozen pair	100,000 dozen

In addition the Secretary proposes establishing Specific Limits for the following categories within Group III:

Category	Annual Limits		
	January 1, 1987 - December 31, 1987	1988	1989
341/641	385,000 dozen	408,100 dozen	432,586 dozen
345/845	95,000 dozen	100,700 dozen	106,742 dozen
445/446	47,000 dozen	47,470 dozen	47,945 dozen

Finally, the Secretary proposes amending Annex A of the Agreement by inserting the following lines at the end of the "Apparel" section:

--Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber--

Category	Conversion Factor	Unit of Measure
845 Sweaters, Other Vegetable Fiber	36.8	DZ.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Jamaica, this note and the note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Jamaica shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

JAMAICA NOTE

March 30, 1987

The Ambassador of Jamaica presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note dated March 3, 1987, regarding the Agreement between Jamaica and the United States, relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber, textiles and textile products manufactured in Jamaica and exported to the United States, including apparel and made-up textile products assembled in Jamaica wholly from components cut in the United States from fabric formed in the United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1986, (hereinafter called "the Agreement").

The Ambassador wishes to propose that the following modification be made to the proposed amendment contained in the Secretary's Note.

- a) the word "Levels" appearing as a heading in line 4 of paragraph 2 on

page 1 be changed to read "Annual Levels".

The Ambassador takes this opportunity to advise that subject to the above modification, the Secretary's proposal is acceptable to the Government of Jamaica and agrees that this Note, which supersedes the Note of March 23, 1987, and the Secretary's Note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Ambassador of Jamaica also wishes to refer to the administrative arrangement relating to visa and certification procedures under the Agreement effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1987, hereinafter referred to as "the Arrangement".

The Ambassador would like to propose that page 1, paragraph 2 of the Arrangement should be amended to read as follows:

"A shipment shall be visaed..... For Jamaica the term "invoice" shall be taken to mean the original certificate of Jamaican origin or the original certificate of exemption issued by the Chief Executive and Trade Commissioner General of the Jamaica National Export Corporation....."

In addition, the Ambassador proposes that wherever the Chief Executive is mentioned, the Arrangement should be amended to read "Chief Executive and Trade Commissioner General".

The Ambassador of Jamaica avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.



EMBASSY OF JAMAICA
Washington, D.C.

March 30, 1987

UNITED STATES NOTE April 7, 1987

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Jamaica and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Ambassador's note dated March 30, 1987, which reads as follows:

JAMAICA NOTE

The Secretary has the honor to confirm that the proposal contained in the Ambassador's Note is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and that the Secretary's Note of March 3, 1987, the Ambassador's Note of March 30, 1987 and this Note of reply shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement and an amendment to the administrative Arrangement.