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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreements between the United States and Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States modifying its bilateral agreements (one covering cotton and the other wool and man-made fibres) with Romania for the 1987 agreement year. The coverage of the cotton agreement was extended to include suit-type coats of silk blend and other vegetable fibres (Category 833); it was merged with Category 333 and a designated consultation level was agreed. In addition, the consultation levels for some categories (cotton, wool and man-made fibre) were modified.¹

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

¹The cotton agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/894, 1056 and 1108; the wool and man-made fibre agreement and a previous modification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1053 and 1109.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMENDED
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Romania exchanged letters to amend their Bilateral Textile Agreement. Text of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

The Honorable
N. Gavrilescu
Ambassador of the Socialist
Republic of Romania
1607 23rd Street, NW
Washington

June 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to your letter to Mr. William Houston, Chief Textile Negotiator, regarding Romania's proposal for adjustments in a number of Minimum Consultations Levels and Designated Consultation Levels and to the recent consultations between our two Governments. I also refer to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States of America relating to Trade in Cotton Textiles, effected by exchange of notes dated January 28 and March 31, 1983, as amended, and to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States of America relating to Trade in Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes dated November 7 and 16, 1984.

On behalf of my Government I would like to accept your proposals to adjust the Consultation Levels as follows for agreement year 1987 only for the categories listed below:

Category	Unit	Adjusted Level for 1987
315	SYE	1,750,000
360	piece	1,030,000
361	piece	515,000
465	SFT	2,100,000

In response to your Government's request for adjustments in the following categories, I propose the following adjustments for the 1987 agreement year only:

Category	Unit	Adjusted Level for 1987
338 pt	doz	97,222 (1)
339	doz	150,000
640	doz	62,500

(1) Tank tops will be excluded from 338 pt and will be included in the DCL for the entire category 338.

In addition, for the following two categories, I propose establishing Designated Consultation Levels in lieu of the current Minimum Consultation Levels. The following levels shall enter into effect retroactively for agreement year 1986 and shall remain in effect for the life of the Agreement on Trade in Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products:

Category	Unit	DCL
448	doz	6,500
641	doz	65,000

For Category 442 I propose establishing a Designated Consultation Level of 6,500 dozen in lieu of the current Minimum Consultation Level. This DCL shall enter into effect for agreement year 1987 and shall remain in effect for the life of the Agreement on Trade in Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products.

In addition, I propose amending the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles by adding category 833, men's and boys' suit-type coats of silk blend and other vegetable fibers to Annex A of the Agreement with a conversion factor of 36.2 SYE per dozen. In lieu of the current DCL for category 333 I further propose creating a Designated Consultation Level for 1987 only for merged category 333/833 of 66,298 dozen with a sub-limit of 20 percent for category 833.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of response shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement relating to Trade in Cotton Textiles, effected by exchange of notes dated January 28 and March 31, 1983, as amended, and an amendment to the Agreement relating to Trade in Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes dated November 7 and 16, 1984.

Sincerely yours,



Anne D. Jillson
Acting Chief
Textiles Division
Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs

ROMANIA LETTER

June 30, 1987

Ms. Anne D. Jillson
Acting Chief
Textiles Division
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs

Dear Ms. Jillson,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to the Honorable Nicolae Gavrilescu, ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Romania, on June 16, 1987, which reads as follows :

UNITED STATES LETTER

I have the honour to confirm the proposals contained in your letter are accepted and your letter and this letter of response shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement relating to Trade in Cotton Textiles, and to the Agreement relating to Trade in Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products.

Please accept, dear Ms. Jillson, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.



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North America Directorate