

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendments of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Jamaica

The Textiles Surveillance Body received from the United States notifications of further amendments of its bilateral agreement with Jamaica. The amendments concerned mergers of categories (338/339/638/639 and 347/348/647/648) with agreed designated consultation levels (DCLs) and guaranteed access levels (GALs); increase in the GAL for Category 632; and the conversion of DCLs into specific limits for Categories 338/339/638/639 and 340/640.¹

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 bilateral agreement and previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1236 and 1326.

²COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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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 STATES NOTE I

February 10, 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 of State has the further honor to acknowledge receipt of the note of the Ambassador of Jamaica dated January 21, 1987, which reads as follows:

JAMAICA NOTE I

The Secretary of State has the further honor to confirm that the foregoing proposed amendment is acceptable to the Government of the United States and agrees that the note of the Ambassador of Jamaica and this note on behalf of the Government of the United States of America shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

JAMAICA NOTE I

The Ambassador of Jamaica presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to consultations held in Washington, D.C. from August 25 - 27, 1986, between representatives of the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the United States of America, and to propose the following amendment to the bilateral textile agreement which was signed on behalf of the Governments of Jamaica and the United States on August 27, 1986 :

"1) Annex F shall be amended to delete Category 338/339 and Category 347/348. Category 338/339/638/639 and Category 347/348/647/648 shall be added to Annex B and the levels shall be as follows:

Category	September 1, 1986 December 31, 1987	Annual Levels 1988 and 1989
338/339/638/639	850,000 Doz.	695,000 Doz.
347/348/647/648	1,547,000 Doz.	1,250,000 Doz.

2) Annex C shall be amended to delete Category 338/339 and Category 347/348. Category 338/339/638/639 and Category 347/348/647/648 shall be added to Annex C and the levels shall be as follows:

Category	September 1, 1986 December 31, 1987	Annual Levels 1988 and 1989
338/339/638/639	500,000 Doz.	495,000 Doz.
347/348/647/648	695,000 Doz.	653,000 Doz.

3) The Conversion Factor for Category

338/339/638/639 shall be 12.0

Should the foregoing be acceptable to the Government of the United States, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of the Government of the United States of America shall constitute an agreement between our two countries.

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.

January 21, 1987

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 STATES NOTE II

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, (hereinafter called "the Agreement.") The Secretary further refers to consultations held in Washington, D.C. on July 31, 1987.

The Secretary of State proposes amending the Agreement as follows:

I. Paragraphs 2(C) and 2(D) of the Agreement relating to classification shall be amended to read as follows:

2(C) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement, except as provided for in paragraph 2(D) below."

"2(D) For purposes of this Agreement, the categories listed below are merged and treated as single categories as indicated:

Categories	Designation	Conversion Factor	Unit of Measure
331 and 631	331/631	3.50	DZP
338, 339, 638 and 639	338/339/638/639	12.00	DOZ
340 and 640	340/640	24.00	DOZ
341 and 641	341/641	14.50	DCZ
345 and 845	345/845	36.80	DOZ
347, 348, 647 and 648	347/348/647/648	17.80	DOZ
352 and 652	352/652	13.50	DOZ
445 and 446	445/446	14.88	DPZ

II. Paragraph 6 (A) (II) shall be amended to read as follows:

"6 (A) (II) (a) During any agreement period, any Group III specific limit may be exceeded by not more than seven (7) percent swing provided that a corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in other Group III specific limits during the Agreement period.

6(A) (II)(b) In addition to the swing provided in sub-paragraph 6(A) (II) (a), above, the base level for Category 340/640 may be increased by 12.5 percent provided that a corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in Category 341/641.

In addition to the swing provided in sub-paragraph 6(A) (II) (a), above, the base level for Category 341/641 may be increased by 30 percent, provided that an corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in Category 340/640.

III. The Guaranteed Access Levels in Group I, as set out in Annex B of the Agreement, shall be amended as follows:

Category	September 1, 1986 December 31, 1987	Annual Levels 1988 and 1989
632	2,000,000 DPR	2,000,000 DPR

IV. The Designated Consultation Levels (DCL) in Group II, as set out in Annex C of the Agreement, shall be amended by deleting Category 338/339/638/639. The DCL for Category 340/640 shall remain in force for the agreement period September 1, 1986-December 31, 1987, at a level of 375,000 dozen. The sub-limit on Category 340/640, shirts of yarn-dyed fabric, for the September 1, 1986-December 31, 1987 Agreement period shall remain at 275,000 dozen. Category 340/640 and the yarn-dyed sub-limit will be deleted from Group II and Annex C of the Agreement for Agreement years 1988 and 1989.

V. The Specific Limits in Group III, as set out in Annex D shall be amended by adding the following categories:

Category	9/1/86- 12/31/87	1/1/88- 12/31/88	1/1/89- 12/31/89
338/339/638/639	575,000 doz	575,000 doz	609,500 doz
340/640	n/a	325,000 doz	344,500 doz
(yarn-dyed Sub-limit)	n/a	275,000 doz	291,000 doz

n.a: Not applicable

The Secretary of State agrees to increase the Designated Consultation Level for Category 347/348/647/648 for the agreement period September 1, 1986-December 31, 1987, only, to 725,000 dozen, pursuant to paragraph 4(B) of the Agreement.

Department of State,

Washington, September 2, 1987.

JAMAICA NOTE II

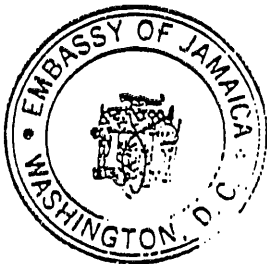
October 1, 1987

The Ambassador of Jamaica presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's Note dated September 2, 1987 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, (hereinafter called "the Agreement").

The Ambassador wishes to advise that the amendments proposed to the Agreement in the Secretary's Note are acceptable to the Government of Jamaica subject to the following modification:

On Page III under Section III the date September 1, 1986 should be changed to read June 1, 1987.

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.

October 1, 1987