

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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COM.TEX/SB/1440*

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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 Hungary

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Hungary. Restraints on three product categories were introduced for the period 1 January 1988 to 31 December 1991.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures for 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.³

¹The bilateral agreement, its extensions and modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/864, 972, 1063, 1194, 1301 and 1321.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³For the TSB's observations on this notification see COM.TEX/SB/1443.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

UNITED STATES AND HUNGARY AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Hungary exchanged notes in Budapest on April 8 and the 15, 1988, to amend their Bilateral Textile Agreement. Text of the notes follows:

Budapest, April 8 , 1988

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Ministry of Trade of the People's Republic of Hungary and has the honor to refer to The Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles /The Arrangement/ and to the bilateral agreement between the Government of United States of America, and the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic relating to trade in wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes done at Budapest dated February 15 and 25, 1983, as amended /The Agreement/. The Embassy also refers to discussions in Washington between representatives of the Government of the United States and Hungary during January 22 and 23, 1988.

The Embassy of the United States has the honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that The Agreement be amended as follows:

I. The Agreement shall be referred to as The Agreement Relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products:

II. The following categories shall be added to annexes A and B of The Agreement:

APPAREL

WOOL

442 DZ 21,000 /A/ 18,180 18,362 18,545

/A/ Level is for the period 11/1/87 to 12/31/88

III. Paragraph 2 shall be amended to read as follows:

"2. The categories of textile products covered by The Agreement and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent are set out in Annex A /1/ in accordance with the "Correlation: Textile and Apparel Categories with Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated", published by the United States Department of Commerce. The determination of whether a textile product is of cotton, wool or man-made fiber shall be made in accordance with the terms of paragraph 6."

IV. Paragraph 6 shall be amended to read as follows:

6. /A/ For the purpose of this agreement, textile products listed in Annex A which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components of wool, cotton or man-made fiber, or blends thereof, in which any or all of those fibers in combination represent either the chief value of the fibers, or 17 percent or more by weight of the product in the case of wool products or 50 percent or more by weight of the product in the case of cotton or man-made fiber products, are subject to this agreement.

/B/ For the purpose of this agreement, textile products shall be classified as cotton, wool or man-made fiber textiles if wholly or in chief value of these fibers. Any product covered by sub-paragraph /A/ above but not in chief value of cotton, wool or man-made fiber shall be classified as:

Annex A /1/

Category Description	Conversion Factor To Square Yards	Units
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Yarn

Cotton

300	Carded yarns	4.6	LB
301	Combed yarns	4.6	LB

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WOOL

410	Woven fabrics of wool	1.0	SYD
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APPAREL

WOOL

442	Skirts	18.0	DOZ
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ANNEX B / 1/

Category	Unit 1988	1989	1990	1991
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YARN

COTTON

300/301	LBS: 2,500,000	2,650,000	2,809,000	2,977,540
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WOOL

410	SYD	1,000,000	1,010,000	1,020,100	1,030,301
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/I/ Cotton textiles if containing 50 percent or more by weight of cotton or if the cotton component exceeds by weight the wool or man-made fiber components;

/II/ Wool textiles if not containing 50 percent or more by weight of cotton, or if the cotton component exceeds by weight the total wool and or man-made fiber components and if wool equals or exceeds 17 percent by weight of all component fibers;

/III/ Man-made fiber textiles if not containing 50 percent or more by weight of cotton, or if the cotton component exceeds by weight the total wool and or man-made fiber components and if not classified as wool under /B/ /I/ of this paragraph.

III. Swing, carryover and carryforward shall be available pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of The Agreement.

V. If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Hungary, then this note and the note of confirmation of the Government of the People's Republic of Hungary, shall constitute an amendment to The Agreement between our two governments.

The Embassy of the United States of America takes this opportunity to present to the Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Budapest, April 8, 1988

HUNGARIAN NOTE

Budapest, April 15, 1988

The Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Budapest and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 057 dated April 8, 1988 which reads as follows:

UNITED STATES' NOTE

The Ministry of Trade has the honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and that the note of the Embassy of the United States of America and this reply thereto shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Government of the United States of America.

The Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic takes this opportunity to present to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Trade

Budapest, April 15, 1988