

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Wool and Man-Made Fibre Agreement between
the United States and Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of its wool and man-made fibre agreement concluded with Romania concerning the growth rate for Category 604.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications made under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation, and is forwarding the text³ of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1053, 1109 and 1327.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³For the TSB's observations on this notification see COM.TEX/SB/1455.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Romania amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchange of letters dated December 30, 1987 and December 31, 1987. Texts of the letters follow.

UNITED STATES LETTER

Bucharest, Romania

December 30, 1987

Mr. Ion Chioveanu
Director, Ministry of Foreign Trade
and International Economic Cooperation
Government of the Socialist
Republic of Romania
Bucharest, Romania

Dear Mr. Chioveanu:

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 protocols adopted respectively on December 22, 1981, and July 31, 1986 at Geneva (the arrangement) 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, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated November 7 and 16, 1984 in Bucharest, as amended (the agreement).

I also have the honor to refer to discussion between our two governments held in Washington, D.C. from December 2-4, 1987, concerning trade in textiles and textile products.

As a result of these discussions, I have the honor to propose the following amendment to the agreement:

Category	1988 Base Level	1989 Base Level
604	3,250,000 LBS	3,282,500 LBS

As noted during our consultations, my government considers amendment of the agreement to reflect this change for Category 604 to be an integral part of the understanding reached between our two governments on December 4, 1987.

If this proposal is acceptable to the government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, then this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of the government of the Socialist Republic of Romania shall constitute an amendment to the agreement between our two governments.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Clarke
Charge d'Affaires a.i.

ROMANIAN LETTER

Bucharest, December 31, 1987

Excellency,

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 protocols adopted respectively on December 22, 1981 and July 31, 1986, at Geneva (hereinafter referred to as the arrangement) 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, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes on November 7 and 16, 1984, in Bucharest, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the agreement), and to discussions held in Washington, D.C. from December 2-4, 1987 between the delegations of the two Governments, concerning the Trade in Textiles and Textile Products, and to your letter dated December 30, 1987, relating to exports into United States of America of Romanian-made polynytril acrylic fiber yarns.

I have noted the concerns of the American side with regard to American market conditions in polynytril acrylic yarns, and let you know that, in the spirit of good relations, understanding and mutual advantage, which, in our opinion should prevail in the administration of our bilateral textile agreements, the Romanian side will act that exports of Romanian-made acrylic fiber yarns in category 604, to the United States of America do not exceed 3,250,000 pounds during 1988, and 3,282,500 pounds during 1989.

I am pointing out the Romanian side understands its position in thus acting with regard to exports of acrylic fiber yarns to United States of America does not in any way prejudice its rights under the agreement as set upon signing.

The Romanian side has noted the Government of the United States of America would be pleased to discuss further adjustments to limits under the wool and man-made fiber agreement in the context of renegotiation of this agreement, in the interest of developing our trade in wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile product

Sincerely,

Ion Chioveanu
Director,
Ministry of Foreign Trade
and International Economic
Cooperation