

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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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 Macao

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an amendment of its agreement with Macao. The Group I and Aggregate limits were adjusted due to reclassification of categories under the Harmonized System. A designated consultation level was agreed for Category 631 (gloves and mittens).¹

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

¹The bilateral agreement and its extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/959, 1300 and 1498

²COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

United States and Macao Amend
Bilateral Textile Agreement

17 April 1989

The United States and Macao amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchange of notes dated 10 February 1989 and 3 March 1989. Texts of the notes follow:

United States Note

Hong Kong, 10 February 1989

The Consulate General of the United States presents its compliments to the Government of Macao and has the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement relating to trade in textiles and textile products, effected by exchange of notes dated 28 December 1983 and 9 January 1984, as amended (the Agreement). The Consulate General has the further honour to refer to the 7 December 1988 letter from Cristiano Afonso de Oliveira Domingues concerning the Government of Macao's request for an increase in the levels for Category 631 (man-made fibre gloves and mittens), Group I and the Aggregate.

In response to this request, the Consulate General, on behalf of the Government of the United States, proposes the following amendment to the Agreement.

Government of Macao

I. Annex C(2) of the Agreement shall be amended by adding the following Designated Consultation Level for Category 631:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Annex C(2)</u>
631	231,386 dpr

II. Annex B(2) of the Agreement shall be amended by increasing the Group I limit as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>1989 HS Limit Annex B(2)</u>	<u>1990 HS Limit Annex B(2)</u>	<u>1991 HS Limit Annex B(2)</u>
Group I (Cotton, mmf, silk and other vegetable blends)	73,759,677 SME	78,369,656 SME	83,267,753 SME

III. Annex B(2) of the Agreement shall be amended by increasing the Aggregate Limit as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>1989 HS Limit Annex B(2)</u>	<u>1990 HS Limit Annex B(2)</u>	<u>1991 HS Limit Annex B(2)</u>
Aggregate Limit	76,596,824 SME	81,384,126 SME	86,470,634 SME

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable, this note and a note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Macao shall constitute an amendment to the Arrangement.

The Consulate General of the United States avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Government of Macao assurances of its highest consideration.

Consulate General of the United States,
Hong Kong, 10 February 1989

Macao Note

The Government of Macao presents its compliments to the Government of the United States.

With reference to the bilateral agreement relating to trade in textiles and textile products and further exchange of notes, namely the Diplomatic Note No. 01 of 10 February 1989, of the Consulate General of the United States, the Government of Macao has the honour to signify to the Government of the United States its acceptance of Parts I, II and III of the said Diplomatic Note No. 01 of 10 February 1989 relating to the increase of restraint levels for Category 631 (man-made fibre gloves and mittens) from a Minimum Consultation Level (MCL) to a Designated Consultation Level (DCL), the Group I and the Aggregate Limits, due to reclassification under the Harmonized System (HS).

The Government of Macao has the further honour of signifying to the Government of the United States its understanding that this note of confirmation shall constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

The Government of Macao avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Government of the United States assurances of its highest consideration.

The Government of Macao
Macao, 3 March 1989