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 Hungary

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of its agreement with Hungary A restraint was agreed on Category 669-P (woven polypropylene bags).

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

The bilateral agreement, extensions and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/864, 972, 1063, 1194, 1301, 1321, 1440 and 1449.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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United States and Hungary Amend Bilateral Textile Agreement

The United States and Hungary exchanged notes dated 29 November 1988 and 13 December 1988 to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follow:

United States Note

29 November 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 honour to refer to the bilateral agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 15 February and 25 February 1983, as amended (the Agreement).

The Embassy has the further honour to refer to recent discussions in Washington between representatives of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Government of the United States concerning imports from Hungary of polypropylene bags in Category 669-P. As a result of these discussions, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States, has the honour to propose the following amendment to the agreement.

Annex A(2) shall be amended by adding Category 669-P as follows:

Category	Description	Conversion Factor to square metres	<u>Unit</u>
669-P	Woven man-made fibre bags only	14.40	kg.

Annex B(2) shall be amended by adding the following limits for Category 669-P:

Category	<u>Unit</u>	1989	1990	<u>1991</u>
669-P	kg.	589,670	625,050	662,553

Please note that these limits are in kilogrammes, since beginning 1 January 1989 the Government of the United States will adopt the Harmonized System, which requires the use of metric units. Swing of 5 per cent and carryover/carry forward of 11 per cent, with carry forward not to exceed 5 per cent, shall be available for this category.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic then this note and a note of confirmation from your government will constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

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

Embassy of the United States, Budapest 29 November 1988

13 December 1988

Hungarian People's Republic Note

The Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States in Budapest and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's note dated 29 November 1988 which reads as follows:

United States Note

The Ministry of Trade has the honour 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 this reply thereto shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Government of the United States.

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

Budapest, 13 December 1988