

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

# 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 Singapore

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of amendments of its agreement with Singapore resulting from the implementation by the United States of the Harmonized Commodity Code.<sup>1</sup>

The TSB pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications made under Article 4,<sup>2</sup> has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1200.

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

<sup>3</sup>For the TSB's observation on this notification see COM.TEX/SB/1523

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UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE  
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchanged of notes and letters dated November 17, 1987, December 21, 1987, December 20, 1988 and February 2, 1989. Texts of the notes and letters follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

November 17, 1987

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Singapore and has the honor to refer to the Agreement on Trade in Textiles between the Government of Singapore and the Government of the United States of America effected by exchange of notes dated May 30 and June 5, 1986, as amended (the Agreement). The Secretary of State has the further honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Governments of Singapore and the United States on September 23 - 25, 1987 in Washington, D.C., concerning the new United States textile category system and adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States.

As a result of these discussions, the Secretary of State, on behalf of the Government of the United States, has the honor to propose that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Annex B shall be amended as stated in Annex B(1) in Annex B of this note if the Harmonized Commodity Code nomenclature has not been adopted by the United States when the new textile category system becomes effective on January 1,

1986. Annex B(2) in Annex B of this note shall supercede Annex B(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

2. Annex C shall be amended as stated in Annex C(1) in Annex C of this note if the Harmonized Commodity Code nomenclature has not been adopted by the United States when the new textile category system becomes effective on January 1, 1988. Annex C(2) in Annex C of this note shall supercede Annex C(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

3. The following categories, which will be absorbed by other categories, will no longer be included in the Agreement as of January 1, 1986:

601, 602, 605, 610, 612, 659-1, 310, 311, 312, 316, 318, 319, 320, 411, 425, and 429.

4. Paragraph 5(B) shall be amended to include special shift, as stated herein, in addition to the normal swing provisions of Paragraph 5. Shift will be one way and will be calculated on a ratio of one to one in dozens.

|                         | <u>Unit</u> | <u>1988</u> | <u>1989</u> | <u>1990</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| --From 647 back to 6481 | Doz.        | 139,500     | 140,996     | 142,406     |
| --From 636 back to 639  | Doz.        | 310,000     | 316,200     | 322,524     |
| --From 634 back to 635  | Doz.        | 38,463      | 39,637      | 40,827      |
| --From 640 back to 641  | Doz.        | 242         | 254         | 267         |
| --From 334 back to 335  | Doz.        | 1,217       | 1,254       | 1,291       |

5. As of January 1, 1988, Annex A of the Agreement shall be amended as stated in Annex A(1) of this note. Annex A(2) in Annex A of this note shall supercede Annex A(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

6. As of January 1, 1986, Annex D of the Agreement shall be amended as stated in Annex D(1) of this note. Annex D(2) in Annex D of this note shall supercede Annex D(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

7. Upon adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States, units of measurement under the new textile category system will shift to the metric system. At that time, annexes A(2), B(2), C(2) and D(2) in Annexes A, B, C, and D of this note respectively shall become effective. In addition, Paragraph 4 of the Agreement shall be amended by adding the following after the first sentence that Paragraph:

"These specific limits, upon adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States and simultaneous conversion to the metric system, shall be equal in dozens or dozen pairs to the level in dozens or dozen pairs under the current system of square yards equivalent conversion, and limits in pounds shall be converted to kilograms at a rate of .45359237 kilograms per pound, and limits in square yards shall be converted to square meters at a rate of .83612736 square meters per square yard." Paragraph 6 of the Agreement shall be amended by adding the following after the second sentence of Paragraph 6: "These levels, upon adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States and simultaneous conversion to the metric system, shall be equal in dozens or dozen pairs to the level in dozens or dozen pairs under the current system of square yards equivalent conversion, and levels in pounds shall be converted to kilograms at a rate of .45359237 kilograms per pound, and levels in square yards equivalent shall be converted to square meters equivalent at a rate of .83612736 square meters per square yard."

8. Paragraph 3 (A) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new paragraph 3 (A) as stated below simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States, to reflect the change in the manner of classification of textiles and textile products under the Harmonized System.

"3. (A) (i) Tops, yarns, piece goods, made-up articles, garments and other textile manufactured products, all being products which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, or blends thereof, in which any or all of those fibers in combination represent the chief weight of the product, are subject to this Agreement. Components of an article which are not considered relevant to the classification under the General Rules of Interpretation or the Legal Notes to Section XI of the Harmonized System, are likewise to be disregarded here. For the purposes of this Agreement, textile products covered by this paragraph shall be classified as:

(a) Cotton textiles, if the product is in chief weight of cotton, or if cotton with wool and/or man-made fibers in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 percent by weight of the component fibers thereof and the cotton component equals or exceeds the weight of each of the total wool and/or man-made fiber components, unless the product is a woven fabric in which wool equals or exceeds 35 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile.

(b) Wool textiles, if the product is in chief weight of wool, or, in the case of products which are chief weight of silk or non-cotton vegetable fibers, wool exceeds 17 percent by weight of all fibers.

(c) Man-made fiber textiles, if the product is in chief weight of man-made fibers, or if the man-made fibers in combination of with cotton and/or wool in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 percent by weight of the component fibers thereof and the man-made fiber component exceeds the weight of the total wool and/or cotton component, unless:

(1) the product is knitted or crocheted apparel in which wool equals or exceeds 33 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile; or

(2) the product is apparel, not knitted or crocheted, in which wool equals or exceeds 36 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile;

(3) the product is a woven fabric in which wool equals or exceeds 36 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile.

3. (A) (ii) Coverage under this paragraph is intended to be identical with the terms of Article 12 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles. In the event of a question regarding whether a product is covered by this Agreement by virtue of being chief weight cotton, wool, and man-made fiber, the chief value of the fibers may be considered.\*

9. Paragraph 3 (C) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new paragraph 3 (C) as stated below simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States:

"3. (C) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square meters equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement, except as listed in paragraph 3 (E)."

10. As of January 1, 1988, paragraph 3 (E) of the Agreement shall be amended by deleting "310 and 318" and "none" under the headings "Categories" and "Sub-categories" respectively. Paragraph 3 (E) shall be further amended simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States by replacing the last sentence of this sub-paragraph to read as follows: "The rate of conversion into square meters equivalent shall be 11.3 for category 352/632."

11. The first sentence of Paragraph 5 (A) (ii) in the Agreement shall be amended simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States to read as follows: "During any agreement period, any specific limit may be increased by not more than seven (7) percent swing provided that an equivalent quantity in square meters equivalent is deducted from another specific limit."



12. Paragraph 17(C) shall be added to the Agreement and shall read as follows: "The Government of the United States and the Government of Singapore agree to consult, upon the request of either government, on any question arising in the implementation of the Agreement as a result of the conversion to the Harmonized System."

This note and a note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Singapore shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Enclosure: Annexes

Department of State,  
Washington, 17 NOV 1987

ANNEX A OF NOTE

ANNEX A[1]  
New Category System Listings

The 200 series of categories refers to cotton or man-made fiber. The 300 series refers to cotton. The 400 series refers to wool. The 600 series refers to man-made fibers.

| Category | Description  | Conversion Factor<br>to square yards | Unit |
|----------|--|--------------------------------------|------|
| Yarn     |  |                                      |      |
| 200      | Sewing Thread and Yards,<br>Put Up for Retail Sale               | 3.6                                  | Lb   |
| 201      | Other Yarns  | 3.5                                  | Lb   |
| 300      | Carded Yarns   | 4.6                                  | Lb   |
| 301      | Combed Yarns   | 4.6                                  | Lb   |
| 400      | Wool Yarn  | 2.0                                  | Lb   |
| 600      | Textured Filament Yarns  | 3.5                                  | Lb   |
| 603      | Staple Artificial Yarn   | 3.4                                  | Lb   |
| 604      | Staple Synthetic Yarn  | 4.1                                  | Lb   |
| 606      | Non-Textured Filament  | 10.9                                 | Lb   |
| 607      | Staple Yarn  | 3.5                                  | Lb   |
| Fabric   |  |                                      |      |
| 218      | Yarns of Different Colors  | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 219      | Duck   | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 220      | Fabric of Special Weave  | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 222      | Knit Fabric  | 6.7                                  | Lb   |
| 223      | Non-Woven Fabrics  | 7.6                                  | Lb   |
| 224      | Pile and Tufted Fabrics  | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 225      | Denim  | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 226      | Cheesecloth, Batistes, etc.                                      | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 227      | Oxford Cloth   | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 229      | Special Purpose Fabric   | 1.4                                  | Lb   |
| 313      | Sheeting   | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 314      | Poplin and Broadcloth  | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 315      | Printcloth   | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 317      | Twills   | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 326      | Sateens  | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 410      | Woven Fabrics Containing<br>36 percent or More By<br>Weight Wool | 1.0                                  | Syd  |
| 414      | Other Wool Fabrics   | 1.5                                  | Lb   |

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|---------|--|------|-----|
| 611     | Staple Artificial Fabric,<br>by weight, 85 percent<br>or more  | 1.0  | Syd |
| 613     | Sheeting   | 1.0  | Syd |
| 614     | Poplin and Broadcloth  | 1.0  | Syd |
| 615     | Printcloth   | 1.0  | Syd |
| 617     | Twills and Sateens   | 1.0  | Syd |
| 618     | Cellulosic Filament  | 1.0  | Syd |
| 619     | Non-Cellulosic Filament, Poly  | 1.0  | Syd |
| 620     | Other Non-Cellulosic Filament  | 1.0  | Syd |
| 621     | Impression   | 1.0  | Syd |
| 622     | Filament Glass Fiber<br>Staple/Filament  | 1.0  | Syd |
| 624     | Man-made Fiber Fabric, Woven<br>More than 15 percent but not<br>more than 36 percent Wool<br>Staple/Filament<br>Combination: | 1.0  | Syd |
| 625     | Poplin and Broadcloth  | 1.0  | Syd |
| 626     | Printcloth   | 1.0  | Syd |
| 627     | Sheeting   | 1.0  | Syd |
| 628     | Twills and Sateens   | 1.0  | Syd |
| 629     | Other MMP  | 1.0  | Syd |
| Apparel |  |      |     |
| 339     | Cotton and Man-made<br>Infants' Wear   | 3.4  | Doz |
| 330     | Handkerchiefs  | 1.7  | Doz |
| 331     | Gloves and Mittens   | 3.5  | Doz |
| 332     | Hosiery  | 4.6  | Doz |
| 333     | M and B Suit-type Coats  | 36.2 | Doz |
| 334     | Other M and B Coats  | 41.3 | Doz |
| 335     | W and G coats  | 41.3 | Doz |
| 336     | Dresses  | 45.3 | Doz |
| 337     | Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.  | 25.0 | Doz |
| 338     | M and B Knit Shirts  | 7.2  | Doz |
| 339     | W and G Knit Shirts and<br>Blouses   | 7.2  | Doz |
| 340     | M and B Shirts, Not Knit   | 24.0 | Doz |
| 341     | W and G Knit Shirts and<br>Blouses, Not Knit   | 14.5 | Doz |
| 342     | Skirts   | 17.3 | Doz |
| 345     | Sweaters   | 36.8 | Doz |
| 347     | M and B Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts  | 17.8 | Doz |
| 348     | W and G Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts  | 17.3 | Doz |
| 349     | Brassieres and Body Support-<br>ing Garments   | 4.3  | Doz |
| 350     | Dressing Gowns, etc.   | 51.0 | Doz |
| 351     | Nightwear and Pajamas  | 52.0 | Doz |

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|-----|--|-------|-----|
| 352 | Underwear                                    | 11.0  | Doz |
| 353 | M and B Down-Filled Coats                    | 41.3  | Doz |
| 354 | W and G Down-Filled Coats                    | 41.3  | Doz |
| 359 | Other Cotton Apparel                         | 4.6   | Lb  |
| 431 | Gloves and Mittens                           | 2.1   | Dpr |
| 432 | Hosiery                                      | 2.8   | Dpr |
| 433 | M and B Suit-type Coats                      | 35.0  | Doz |
| 434 | Other M and B Coats                          | 54.0  | Doz |
| 435 | W and G Coats                                | 54.0  | Doz |
| 436 | Dresses                                      | 49.2  | Doz |
| 438 | Knit Shirts and Blouses                      | 15.0  | Doz |
| 439 | Wool Infants' Wear                           | 3.4   | Lb  |
| 440 | Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit                 | 24.0  | Doz |
| 442 | Skirts                                       | 13.0  | Doz |
| 443 | M and B Suits                                | 54.0  | Doz |
| 444 | W and G Suits                                | 54.0  | Doz |
| 445 | M and B Sweaters                             | 14.88 | Doz |
| 446 | W and G Sweaters                             | 14.88 | Doz |
| 447 | M and B Trousers, Slacks and<br>Shorts       | 13.0  | Doz |
| 448 | W and G Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts      | 13.0  | Doz |
| 459 | Other wool Apparel                           | 2.0   | Lb  |
| 630 | Handkerchiefs                                | 1.7   | Doz |
| 631 | Gloves and Mittens                           | 3.5   | Dpr |
| 632 | Hosiery                                      | 4.6   | Dpr |
| 633 | M and B Suit-type Coats                      | 36.2  | Doz |
| 634 | Other M and B Coats                          | 41.3  | Doz |
| 635 | W and G Coats                                | 41.3  | Doz |
| 636 | Dresses                                      | 45.3  | Doz |
| 637 | Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.                    | 21.3  | Doz |
| 638 | M and B Knit Shirts                          | 13.0  | Doz |
| 639 | W and G Knit Shirts and<br>Blouses           | 15.0  | Doz |
| 640 | M and B Shirts, Not Knit                     | 24.0  | Doz |
| 641 | W and G Shirts and Blouses,<br>Not Knit.     | 14.5  | Doz |
| 642 | Skirts                                       | 17.8  | Doz |
| 643 | M and B Suits                                | 54.0  | Doz |
| 644 | W and G Suits                                | 54.0  | Doz |
| 645 | M and B Sweaters                             | 36.3  | Doz |
| 646 | W and G Sweaters                             | 36.3  | Doz |
| 647 | M and B Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts      | 17.8  | Doz |
| 648 | W and G Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts      | 17.8  | Doz |
| 649 | Brassieres and Body Sup-<br>porting Garments | 4.5   | Doz |
| 650 | Dressing Gowns, Etc.                         | 51.0  | Doz |
| 651 | Nightwear and Pajamas                        | 52.0  | Doz |
| 652 | Underwear                                    | 16.0  | Doz |
| 653 | M and B Down-Filled Coats                    | 41.3  | Doz |

|                                    |  |      |     |
|------------------------------------|--|------|-----|
| 654                                | W and G Down-Filled Coats                    | 41.3 | Doz |
| 559                                | Other Man-made Fiber Apparel                 | 7.8  | Lb  |
| Made-Up and Miscellaneous Textiles |  |      |     |
| 360                                | Pillowcases                                  | 1.1  | No  |
| 361                                | Sheets                                       | 6.2  | No  |
| 362                                | Bedspread and Quilts                         | 6.9  | No  |
| 363                                | Terry and Other Pile<br>Towels               | 0.5  | No  |
| 369                                | Cotton Manufactures,<br>not specified (nspf) | 4.6  | Lb  |
| 464                                | Blankets                                     | 1.3  | Lb  |
| 465                                | Floor Coverings                              | 0.1  | Sft |
| 469                                | Wool Manufactures, nspf                      | 2.0  | Lb  |
| 665                                | Floor Coverings                              | 0.1  | Sft |
| 666                                | Other Furnishings                            | 7.8  | Lb  |
| 669                                | Man-made Fiber<br>Manufactures, nspf         | 7.8  | Lb  |
| 670                                | Flat Goods, Handbags,<br>Luggage             | 2.0  | Lb  |

ANNEX A (2)  
New Category System Listings using Harmonized Commodity  
Code

| Category | Description  | Conversion Factor<br>to square meters | Unit |
|----------|--|---------------------------------------|------|
| Yarn     |  |                                       |      |
| 200      | Sewing Thread and Yards,<br>Put up for Retail Sale               | 6.6                                   | Kg   |
| 201      | Other Yarns  | 6.6                                   | Kg   |
| 300      | Carded Yarns   | 3.5                                   | Kg   |
| 301      | Combed Yarns   | 3.5                                   | Kg   |
| 400      | Wool Yarn  | 3.7                                   | Kg   |
| 600      | Textured Filament Yarns  | 6.5                                   | Kg   |
| 603      | Staple Artificial Yarn   | 6.3                                   | Kg   |
| 604      | Staple Synthetic Yarn  | 7.6                                   | Kg   |
| 606      | Non-Textured Filament  | 20.1                                  | Kg   |
| 607      | Staple Yarn  | 5.5                                   | Kg   |
| Fabric   |  |                                       |      |
| 216      | Yarns of Different Colors  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 219      | Duck   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 220      | Fabric of Special Weave  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 222      | Knit Fabric  | 12.3                                  | Kg   |
| 223      | Non-Woven Fabrics  | 14.0                                  | Kg   |
| 224      | Pile and Tufted Fabrics  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 225      | Denim  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 226      | Cheesecloth, Batistes, etc.                                      | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 227      | Oxford Cloth   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 229      | Special Purpose Fabric   | 13.6                                  | Kg   |
| 313      | Sheeting   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 314      | Poplin and Broadcloth  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 315      | Printcloth   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 317      | Twills   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 326      | Sateens  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 410      | Woven Fabrics Containing<br>36 percent or More By<br>Weight Wool | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 414      | Other Wool Fabrics   | 2.3                                   | M2   |
| 611      | Staple Artificial Fabric,<br>by Weight, 65 percent<br>or More    | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 613      | Sheeting   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 614      | Poplin and Broadcloth  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 615      | Printcloth   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 617      | Twills and Sateens   | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 618      | Cellulosic Filament  | 1.0                                   | M2   |
| 619      | Non-Cellulosic Filament, Poly                                    | 1.0                                   | M2   |

|         |  |      |     |
|---------|--|------|-----|
| 620     | Other Non-Cellulosic Filament  | 1.0  | M2  |
| 621     | Impression   | 14.4 | Kg  |
| 622     | Filament Glass Fiber   | 1.0  | M2  |
| 624     | Staple/Filament<br>Man-made Fiber Fabric, Woven<br>More than 15 percent but not<br>more than 36 percent Wool | 1.0  | M2  |
| 625     | Staple/Filament<br>Combination:<br>Poplin and Broadcloth   | 1.0  | M2  |
| 626     | Printcloth   | 1.0  | M2  |
| 627     | Sheeting   | 1.0  | M2  |
| 628     | Twills and Sateens   | 1.0  | M2  |
| 629     | Other MMF  | 1.0  | M2  |
| Apparel |  |      |     |
| 239     | Cotton and Man-made<br>Infants' wear   | 6.3  | Kg  |
| 330     | Handkerchiefs  | 1.4  | Doz |
| 331     | Gloves and Mittens   | 2.9  | Dpr |
| 332     | Hosiery  | 3.6  | Dpr |
| 333     | M and B Suit-type Coats  | 30.3 | Doz |
| 334     | Other M and B Coats  | 34.5 | Doz |
| 335     | W and G coats  | 34.5 | Doz |
| 336     | Dresses  | 37.9 | Doz |
| 337     | Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.  | 20.9 | Doz |
| 338     | M and B Knit Shirts  | 6.0  | Doz |
| 339     | W and G Knit Shirts and<br>Blouses   | 6.0  | Doz |
| 340     | M and B Shirts, Not Knit   | 20.1 | Doz |
| 341     | W and G Knit Shirts and<br>Blouses, Not Knit   | 12.1 | Doz |
| 342     | Skirts   | 14.9 | Doz |
| 345     | Sweaters   | 30.8 | Doz |
| 347     | M and B Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts  | 14.9 | Doz |
| 348     | W and G Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts  | 14.9 | Doz |
| 349     | Brassieres and Body Support-<br>ing Garments   | 4.0  | Doz |
| 350     | Dressing Gowns, etc.   | 42.5 | Doz |
| 351     | Nightwear and Pajamas  | 43.5 | Doz |
| 352     | Underwear  | 9.2  | Doz |
| 353     | M and B Down-Filled Coats  | 34.5 | Doz |
| 354     | W and G Down-Filled Coats  | 34.5 | Doz |
| 359     | Other Cotton Apparel   | 6.5  | Kg  |
| 431     | Gloves and Mittens   | 1.3  | Dpr |
| 432     | Hosiery  | 2.3  | Dpr |
| 433     | M and B Suit-type Coats  | 30.1 | Doz |
| 434     | Other M and B Coats  | 45.1 | Doz |
| 435     | W and G Coats  | 45.1 | Doz |
| 436     | Dresses  | 41.1 | Doz |

|     |  |      |     |
|-----|--|------|-----|
| 438 | Knit Shirts and Blouses                      | 12.5 | Doz |
| 439 | Wool Infants' Wear                           | 6.3  | Kg  |
| 440 | Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit                 | 20.1 | Doz |
| 442 | Skirts                                       | 15.0 | Doz |
| 443 | M and B Suits                                | 45.1 | Doz |
| 444 | W and G Suits                                | 45.1 | Doz |
| 445 | M and B Sweaters                             | 12.4 | Doz |
| 446 | W and G Sweaters                             | 12.4 | Doz |
| 447 | M and B Trousers, Slacks and<br>Shorts       | 15.0 | Doz |
| 448 | W and G Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts      | 15.0 | Doz |
| 459 | Other wool Apparel                           | 3.7  | Kg  |
| 630 | Handkerchiefs                                | 1.4  | Doz |
| 631 | Gloves and Mittens                           | 1.9  | Dpr |
| 632 | Hosiery                                      | 3.8  | Dpr |
| 633 | M and B Suit-type Coats                      | 30.3 | Doz |
| 634 | Other M and B Coats                          | 34.5 | Doz |
| 635 | W and G Coats                                | 34.5 | Doz |
| 636 | Dresses                                      | 17.9 | Doz |
| 637 | Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.                    | 17.9 | Doz |
| 638 | M and B Knit Shirts                          | 15.0 | Doz |
| 639 | W and G Knit Shirts and<br>Blouses           | 12.5 | Doz |
| 640 | M and B Shirts, Not Knit                     | 20.1 | Doz |
| 641 | W and G Shirts and Blouses,<br>Not Knit      | 15.1 | Doz |
| 642 | Skirts                                       | 14.9 | Doz |
| 643 | M and B Suits                                | 45.1 | Doz |
| 644 | W and G Suits                                | 45.1 | Doz |
| 645 | M and B Sweaters                             | 12.4 | Doz |
| 646 | W and G Sweaters                             | 12.4 | Doz |
| 647 | M and B Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts      | 14.9 | Doz |
| 648 | W and G Trousers, Slacks,<br>and Shorts      | 14.9 | Doz |
| 649 | Brassieres and Body Sup-<br>porting Garments | 4.0  | Doz |
| 650 | Dressing Gowns, Etc.                         | 42.6 | Doz |
| 651 | Nightwear and Pajamas                        | 43.5 | Doz |
| 652 | Underwear                                    | 13.4 | Doz |
| 653 | M and B Down-Filled Coats                    | 34.5 | Doz |
| 654 | W and G Down-Filled Coats                    | 34.5 | Doz |
| 659 | Other Man-made Fiber Apparel                 | 14.4 | Kg  |
|     | Made-Up and Miscellaneous Textiles           |      |     |
| 360 | Pillowcases                                  | 0.9  | No  |
| 361 | Sheets                                       | 5.2  | No  |
| 362 | Bedspread and Quilts                         | 5.5  | No  |
| 363 | Terry and Other Pile                         |      |     |



|     |  |      |    |
|-----|--|------|----|
| 369 | Towels<br>Cotton Manufactures,<br>not specified (nspf)                   | 0.4  | No |
| 464 | Blankets   | 3.5  | Kg |
| 465 | Floor Coverings  | 2.4  | Kg |
| 469 | Floor Coverings  | 1.0  | M2 |
| 665 | Wool Manufactures, nspf  | 3.7  | Kg |
| 666 | Floor Coverings  | 1.0  | M2 |
| 669 | Other Furnishings  | 14.4 | Kg |
| 670 | Man-made Fiber<br>Manufactures, nspf<br>Flat Goods, Handbags,<br>Luggage | 14.4 | Kg |
|     |  | 3.7  | Kg |

ANNEX B OF NOTE

ANNEX B(1)  
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING CURRENT MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Specific Limits in Group I

| Category | Unit | 1988      | 1989      | 1990      |
|----------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 239      | kg   | 725,000   | 761,250   | 799,513   |
| 331      | kg   | 324,480   | 337,459   | 350,959   |
| 334      | kg   | 54,262    | 55,890    | 57,567    |
| 335      | kg   | 163,223   | 168,120   | 173,193   |
| 337      | kg   | 62,733    | 65,242    | 67,852    |
| 338/339  | kg   | 914,449   | 955,171   | 997,930   |
| (338)    | kg   | (475,971) | (499,770) | (524,758) |
| (339)    | kg   | (529,220) | (555,661) | (563,465) |
| 340      | kg   | 569,993   | 598,492   | 626,417   |
| 341      | kg   | 143,325   | 150,491   | 156,016   |
| 342      | kg   | 88,200    | 92,610    | 97,241    |
| 347/348  | kg   | 763,848   | 786,763   | 810,366   |
| (347)    | kg   | (477,405) | (491,727) | (506,479) |
| (348)    | kg   | (371,315) | (382,454) | (393,929) |
| 435      | kg   | 6,200     | 6,262     | 6,325     |
| 604      | kg   | 1,506,478 | 1,551,672 | 1,596,222 |
| 631      | kg   | 330,750   | 347,288   | 364,652   |
| 634      | kg   | 207,166   | 213,381   | 219,782   |
| 635      | kg   | 212,000   | 218,360   | 224,911   |
| 638      | kg   | 760,883   | 783,709   | 807,221   |
| 639      | kg   | 2,863,220 | 2,920,484 | 2,978,894 |
| 640      | kg   | 121,517   | 127,593   | 133,972   |
| 641      | kg   | 196,208   | 208,113   | 219,824   |
| 645/646  | kg   | 116,699   | 120,200   | 123,806   |
| 647      | kg   | 410,000   | 425,400   | 443,456   |
| 648      | kg   | 1,392,125 | 1,406,046 | 1,420,207 |

ANNEX B (11)  
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING METRIC SYSTEM

Specific Limits in Group I

| Category | Unit | 1986      | 1989      | 1990      |
|----------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 339      | Kg   | 325,854   | 345,237   | 362,567   |
| 331      | Dpr  | 324,480   | 337,459   | 350,923   |
| 334      | Doz  | 54,262    | 55,390    | 57,557    |
| 335      | Doz  | 153,223   | 158,120   | 173,163   |
| 337      | Doz  | 62,733    | 65,242    | 67,852    |
| 338/339  | Doz  | 214,449   | 225,171   | 237,220   |
| (335)    | Doz  | (475,971) | (499,770) | (524,755) |
| (339)    | Doz  | (529,220) | (555,681) | (583,466) |
| 340      | Doz  | 569,993   | 598,492   | 628,417   |
| 341      | Doz  | 143,323   | 150,491   | 158,216   |
| 342      | Doz  | 33,200    | 32,610    | 37,241    |
| 347/348  | Doz  | 753,348   | 786,763   | 810,356   |
| (347)    | Doz  | (477,405) | (492,727) | (506,479) |
| (348)    | Doz  | (371,315) | (392,454) | (393,873) |
| 435      | Doz  | 5,200     | 5,262     | 5,225     |
| 504      | Kg   | 683,327   | 703,827   | 724,841   |
| 631      | Dpr  | 330,750   | 347,298   | 364,652   |
| 634      | Doz  | 207,156   | 213,361   | 219,782   |
| 635      | Doz  | 212,000   | 218,360   | 224,911   |
| 638      | Doz  | 750,383   | 763,709   | 807,121   |
| 639      | Doz  | 2,563,220 | 2,920,464 | 2,978,894 |
| 640      | Doz  | 121,517   | 127,592   | 133,872   |
| 641      | Doz  | 195,208   | 203,118   | 213,824   |
| 645/646  | Doz  | 115,599   | 120,200   | 123,806   |
| 647      | Doz  | 410,000   | 425,400   | 443,456   |
| 648      | Doz  | 1,392,125 | 1,406,046 | 1,420,107 |

ANNEX C OF NOTE

ANNEX C(11)  
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING CURRENT MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Specific Limit

| Category | Unit | 1986    | 1989    | 1990    |
|----------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 642      | Doz  | 175,570 | 166,104 | 197,270 |

Designated Consultation Levels

| Category     | Unit | Annual Designated Consultation Level |
|--------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 222          | Syd  | 2,500,000                            |
| 333/633      | Doz  | 41,500                               |
| 336          | Doz  | 70,000                               |
| 434          | Doz  | 6,000                                |
| 442          | Doz  | 10,000                               |
| 445/446      | Doz  | 20,000                               |
| 636          | Doz  | 140,000                              |
| 659-Swimwear | Lb   | 100,000                              |
| 659-Vests    | Lb   | 300,000                              |
| 659-Other    | Lb   | 300,000                              |

than swimwear and vests

ANNEX C(2)  
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING METRIC MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Specific Limit

| Category | Unit | 1988    | 1989    | 1990    |
|----------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 642      | Doz  | 175,570 | 155,104 | 197,270 |

Designated Consultation Levels

| Category     | Unit | Annual Designated Consultation Level |
|--------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 222          | M2   | 2,090,318                            |
| 333/633      | Doz  | 41,500                               |
| 336          | Doz  | 70,000                               |
| 434          | Doz  | 6,000                                |
| 442          | Doz  | 10,000                               |
| 445/446      | Doz  | 20,000                               |
| 636          | Doz  | 140,000                              |
| 639-Swimwear | Kg   | 145,150                              |
| 639-Vests    | Kg   | 145,150                              |
| 639-Outer    | Kg   | 145,150                              |

than swimwear and vests

ANNEX D OF NOTE

ANNEX D(1)  
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING CURRENT MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

|          | Unit | Annual Designated Consultation Level |
|----------|------|--------------------------------------|
| Group II | Eye  | 45,000,000                           |

ANNEX D(2)  
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING METRIC SYSTEM

|          | Unit | Annual Designated Consultation Level |
|----------|------|--------------------------------------|
| Group II | SME  | 37,625,731                           |

Following is the text of the U.S. letter of December 21, 1987 proposing to amend the Visa Arrangement:

The Embassy of the United States of America refers to the United States note of November 17, 1987, amending the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Singapore to reflect the adoption of the new United States Textile Category System. The Embassy proposes on behalf of the Government of the United States that the visa system be amended as follows, in order to reflect the changes contained in the aforementioned note:

1. Under the current visa system with Singapore, the following part category visas are required: 659-I (infant sets), 659-S (swimwear), 659-V (vests), 659-O (other than infant sets, swimwear and vests). Beginning with exports on and after January 1, 1988, the Government of Singapore should no longer issue the 659-I visa. Also, the 659-O coverage will become "(other than swimwear and vests)."

2. The following combined category visas will be acceptable, in place of visas for the individual member categories, beginning with exports on and after January 1, 1988. The bilateral agreement allows these merged categories to be treated as single categories under the agreement. Because there are no sublimits to these combined categories, either the combined category or the correct single category will be acceptable for visaing purposes: 300/301, 333/633, 351/651, 352/652, 353/354/653/654, 445/446, 645/646.

3. Beginning on January 1, 1988, and with the above exceptions, the Government of Singapore should issue visas with the categories and units as shown in Annex A(1) of the United States note of November 17, 1987 amending the bilateral textile agreement. The Government of Singapore should begin visaing according to Annex (2) of that same note simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States. This letter and a letter of response on behalf of the Government of Singapore shall constitute an amendment to the visa system agreement.

Following is the text of the U.S. letter of December 21, 1987 proposing to amend the Note of November 17, 1987:

The Embassy of the United States of America refers to the United States note of November 17, 1987, amending the bilateral agreement on textile trade between the United States and Singapore to reflect the adoption of the new United States Category System. The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States, would like to propose the following amendments to the aforementioned note:

1. Category 439, wool children's wear, shall be removed from Annex A(1). This category will not go into effect until the adoption of the Harmonized System by the United States Government, at which time Annex A(2) will become effective.

2. Annexes A(1) and A(2) of the United States note of November 17 amending the bilateral textile agreement, should be amended to reflect a change in the unit of counting for suit categories. Imports of all suits exported on and after January 1, 1988 will be counted in number (individual units of suits), rather than in dozens. Amend annex A(1) as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>SYS<br/>Factor</u> | <u>Unit</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 443             | M and B Suits      | 4.5                   | No.         |
| 444             | W and G Suits      | 4.5                   | No.         |
| 643             | M and B Suits      | 4.5                   | No.         |
| 644             | W and G Suits      | 4.5                   | No.         |

Amend Annex A(2) as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>SME<br/>Factor</u> | <u>Unit</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 443             | M and B Suits      | 3.76                  | No.         |
| 444             | W and G Suits      | 3.76                  | No.         |
| 643             | M and B Suits      | 3.76                  | No.         |
| 644             | W and G Suits      | 3.76                  | No.         |

Amend Annexes C(1) and C(2) to include the following Designated Consultation Levels:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 443             | Number      | 33,333                                      |
| 444             | Number      | 33,336                                      |
| 643             | Number      | 44,444                                      |
| 644             | Number      | 44,444                                      |

UNITED STATES NOTE

Singapore, March 10, 1988

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honor to submit the attached corrected substitute copy of Diplomatic Note No. 572/88 dated December 20, 1988. On page 6, Section V, the phrase "Annex B(2)" has been changed to "Annex C(1)".

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America  
Singapore, March 10, 1989

UNITED STATES NOTE

Singapore, December 20, 1988

No. 572/88

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honor to refer to the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on December 30, 1973 and extended by protocol on July 31, 1986 (The Arrangement) and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products between the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America effected by exchange of notes dated May 30, 1986 and June 5, 1986 (The Agreement), as amended. The Embassy also refers to the note dated November 17, 1987 proposing to amend the Agreement to bring it into conformance with the Harmonized Commodity Code (The Amendment), as amended by our letter of December 21, 1987, and to the Visa Arrangement effected by exchange of letters dated October 4 and 6, 1982 (Visa Arrangement), as amended. The Embassy further refers to the discussions between representatives of the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America in Hong Kong November 10-11, 1986.

In order to facilitate successful implementation of the Harmonized Commodity Code (Harmonized System), the Embassy would like to describe how the Harmonized System will affect the treatment of textile products exported from Singapore to the United States on or after January 1, 1989.

- A. All textile shipments from Singapore subject to U.S. import quotas which are exported in 1988 and which arrive in the United States on or after January 1, 1989, will be charged to the appropriate unfilled 1988 quota limit. All quota charges for shipments exported on or after January 1, 1989 will be made according to the Harmonized System.
  
- B. The Agreement provides for calendar year agreement periods that end on December 31. As such, all 1988 overshipments will be charged to the applicable 1989 Harmonized System category regardless of arrival date.
  
- C. With regard to the Visa Arrangement covering exports of textile products from Singapore to the United States, all goods subject to the Visa Arrangement exported on or after January 1, 1989 must be



covered by a visa showing the correct Harmonized System category number and correct quantity. In addition, please note that under the units rather than in imperial units, as provided for in Annex A(2) of the Amendment.

- D. All provisions of the Amendment regarding the Harmonized System will take effect January 1, 1989. In particular, Annex A(2), Annex B(2), Annex C(2) and Annex D(2) of the Amendment will take force.

In light of the most recent discussions the Embassy has the honor to propose the following:

I. The Amendment comes into force January 1, 1989.

II. Effective January 1, 1989 categories 337 (cotton playsuits) and 637 (man-made fiber playsuits) be merged into a single category, designated as category 337 (cotton and man-made playsuits).

A) Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (A2) shall be amended to delete categories 337 and 637 and replace them with new category 337.

B) Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (B2), Group I, shall be amended to replace the specific limit for category 337 with a specific limit for new category 337 which shall be in category II, as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>1989</u><br><u>Limit</u> | <u>1990</u><br><u>Limit</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 337             | Doz         | 190,000                     | 197,500                     |

C) As a consequence of the above, the Group II designated consultation level will be increased 336,127 square meters equivalent (SME) to 28,461,359 SME.

D) Swing of 7 percent shall be available between category 337 and categories in Group I, provided that an equivalent quantity in square meters equivalent is deducted from another specific limit. Carryover/carryforward of 11 percent, with not more than 6 percent in carryforward, shall also be available. Should the above flexibility (swing and carryover/carryforward) be utilized, the Group II limit will be adjusted accordingly.

iii. The Visa Agreement shall be amended by replacing existing paragraph 2 of the Visa Arrangement with the following:

"Properly marked commercial samples, valued at US dollars' 250 or less, and merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, shall not require a visa or certification for entry."

iv. A) Paragraph 7 of the Amendment shall be amended by adding a phrase to the end of the last sentence as follows:

"And levels in square feet shall be converted to square meters at a rate of .09290304 square meters per square foot".

B) Therefore, beginning in 1989, the designated consultation levels for categories 455 and 665 shall be as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Annual Designated<br/>Consultation Level</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 465             | M2          | 139,355   |
| 665             | M2          | 1,856,061                                       |

V. Category 222 in Annex C(1) of the  
Amendment shall be amended as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Annual Designated<br/>Consultation Level</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 222             | LS          | 373,134   |

VI. Category 223 in Annex C(2) of the  
Amendment shall be amended as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Annual Designated<br/>Consultation Level</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 223             | KG          | 169,251   |

If the foregoing is acceptable to your  
Government, this note and a note of confirmation  
on behalf of your Government shall constitute an  
Amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America  
Singapore, December 20, 1988

SINGAPORE NOTE

Singapore, February 1, 1989

MFA 117/89

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and has the honour to refer to the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and extended by protocol on July 31, 1986 (The Arrangement) and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products between the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America effected by exchange of notes dated May 30, 1986 and June 5, 1986 (The Agreement), as amended. The Ministry also refers to the note dated November 17, 1987 proposing to amend the Agreement to bring it into conformance with the Harmonised Commodity Code (The Amendment), as amended by your letter of December 21, 1987, and to the Visa Arrangement effected by exchange of letters dated October 4 and 8, 1982 (Visa Arrangement), as amended. The Ministry further refers to the discussions between representatives of the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America in Hong Kong

November 10-11, 1988, the letter from the Singapore Embassy in Washington dated December 22, 1988, on the acceptance of visa exemption and the implementation of arrangement on January 1, 1989, and the Embassy's note No. 572/88 dated December 20, 1988.

The Ministry notes that in its note of December 20, 1988, the Embassy has described how the Harmonised System will affect the treatment of textile products exported from Singapore to the United States on or after January 1, 1989:

- A All textile shipments from Singapore subject to US import quotas which are exported in 1988 and which arrive in the United States on or after January 1, 1989 will be charged to the appropriate unfilled 1988 quota limit. All quota charges for shipments exported on or after January 1, 1989 will be made according to the Harmonised System.
  
- B The Agreement provides for calendar year agreement periods that end on December 31. As such, all 1988 overshipments will be charged to the applicable 1989 Harmonised System category regardless of arrival date.
  
- C With regard to the Visa Agreement covering exports of textile products from Singapore to the United States, all goods subject to the Visa Arrangement exported on or after January 1, 1989 must be covered by a visa showing the correct Harmonised System category number and correct quantity. In addition, please note that under the units rather than in imperial units, as provided for in Annex A(2) of the Amendment.

D All provisions of the Amendment regarding the Harmonised System will take effect January 1, 1989. In particular, Annex A(2), Annex C(2) and Annex D(2) of the Amendment will take force.

In view of the above, and the Embassy's letter of January 5, 1989, the Ministry has the honour to accept the Embassy's proposals as follows:

I The Amendment comes into force January 1, 1989.

II Effective January 1, 1989 categories 337 (cotton playsuits) and 637 (man-made fiber playsuits) be merged into a single category, designated as category 237 (cotton and man-made playsuits).

A Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (A2) shall be amended to delete categories 337 and 637 and replace them with new category 237.

B Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (B2), Group I, shall be amended to replace the specific limit for category 337 with a specific limit for new category 237 which shall be in Group II, as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>1989<br/>Limit</u> | <u>1990<br/>Limit</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 237             | Doz         | 190,000               | 197,600               |

- C As a consequence of the above, the Group II designated consultation level will be increased 836,127 square meters equivalent (SME) to 38, 461, 659 SME.
- D Swing of 7 percent shall be available between category 237 and categories in Group I, provided that an equivalent quantity in square meters equivalent is deducted from another specific limit. Carryover/carryforward of 11 percent, with not more than 5 percent in carryforward, shall also be available. Should the above flexibility (swing and carryover carryforward) be utilised, the Group II limit will be adjusted accordingly.
- III The Visa Agreement shall be amended by replacing existing paragraph 2 of the Visa Arrangement with the following:
- "Properly marked commercial samples, valued at US dollars 250 or less, and merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, shall not require a visa for certification for entry."



IV A) Paragraph 7 of the Amendment shall be amended by adding a phrase to the end of the last sentence as follows:

"And levels in square feet shall be converted to square meters at a rate of 0.09290304 square meters per square foot."

B) Therefore, beginning in 1989, the designated consultation levels for categories 465 and 665 shall be as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 465             | M2          | 139,355                                     |
| 665             | M2          | 1,858,061                                   |

V Category 222 in Annex C(1) of the Amendment shall be amended as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 222             | LB          | 373,134                                     |

VI Category 222 in Annex C(2) of the Amendment shall be amended as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Annual Designated<br/>Consultation Level</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 222             | KG          | 169,251   |

This note confirms the agreement of the Singapore Government to the Amendment to the Agreement. This note together with the Amendment, the letter of December 21, 1987 and the note of December 20, 1986 constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its highest consideration.

SINGAPORE  
2 February 1989



Embassy of the United States of America  
S i n g a p o r e