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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Mauritius

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Mauritius.¹

The notification has been made in accordance with the request made by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with non-participants in the MFA be notified. The TSB is forwarding the text of this notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1092, 1239, 1352 and 1405.

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2 March 1989

United States and Mauritius Amend
Bilateral Textile Agreement

The United States and Mauritius exchanged notes dated 14 December 1988 and 25 January 1989 to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follow.

United States Note

Port Louis
14 December 1988

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and Emigration and has the honour to refer to the Bilateral Agreement regarding textile trade between Mauritius and the United States effected by exchange of notes dated 3 and 4 June 1985, as amended (the Agreement). The Embassy has the further honour to refer to the amendment to the Agreement concerning adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States, which was presented to the Government of Mauritius in the Embassy's Note No. 003 of 8 January 1988 and is still awaiting a formal response (the pending amendment). The proposed amendment in this note will make reference to the annexes to the Agreement as described in the pending amendment.

The Embassy also refers to an amendment to the Agreement effected by exchange of letters dated 19 January and 22 February 1988. With regard to the Government of Mauritius' request for flexibility concerning Categories 647/648 and 347/348 that was approved earlier this year and mentioned in the Note of the Embassy of Mauritius in Washington D.C. dated 22 February 1988, the date of implementation was 9 March 1988.

The Embassy also refers to consultations held in Washington, 25 and 26 October between representatives of the Government of Mauritius and the Government of the United States concerning textile trade issues.

On the basis of those consultations the Embassy has the honour to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States, that the Agreement be amended as follows.

I. Category 340 shall be merged with Category 640 to form a new merged Category 340/640, cotton and man-made fibre men's and boys' non-knit shirts.

(a) Annex A(1) shall be amended to delete Categories 340, 640 and 640Y, and add new merged Categories 340/640 and 340Y/640Y as follows:

Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
340/640	Men's and boys' non-knit shirts, cotton and man-made fibre.	24.0	doz.
340Y/640Y	Men's and boys' non-knit shirts, yarn-dyed, cotton and man-made fibre.	24.0	doz.

(b) Annex A.(2) (Harmonized System) shall be amended to delete Categories 340, 640 and 640Y, and add new merged Categories 340/640 and 340Y/640Y as follows:

Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
340/640	Men's and boys' non-knit shirts, cotton and man-made fibre.	20.1	doz.
340Y/640Y	Men's and boys' non-knit shirts, yarn-dyed, cotton and man-made fibre.	20.1	doz.

(c) Annex B shall be amended by adding limits for the new merged Category 340/640 and a sub-limit for 340Y/640Y as follows:

Category	Unit	1 October 1988	1 October 1989
		30 September 1989	30 September 1990
340/640	doz.	381,709	404,612
340Y/640Y	doz.	235,977	250,136

These limits supersede the limits in the existing Agreement on Categories 340, 640 and 640Y. The new merged category and sub-limit are entitled to full flexibility provisions of the Agreement.

II. Effective 1 January 1989 a limit shall be established for the merged Category 352/652, cotton and man-made fibre underwear, including a sub-limit for Category 352, cotton underwear.

(a) Annex A(2) (Harmonized System) shall be amended by adding merged Category 352/652 and Category 352 as follows:

Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
352/652	Underwear, cotton and man-made fibre.	11.3	doz.
352	Underwear, cotton	9.2	doz.

(b) Annex B shall be amended by adding limits for the new merged Category 352/652, including a sub-limit for Category 352 as follows:

Category	Unit	1 January 1989 30 September 1989	1 October 1989 30 September 1990
352/652	doz.	747,945	1,060,000
352	doz.	635,753	901,000

The merged category and the sub-limit are entitled to carryover and carry forward provisions of the Agreement, but no swing is permitted in or out of the merged category or the sub-limit.

III. Effective 1 January 1989 a limit shall be established for Category 336, cotton dresses.

(a) Annex A(2) (Harmonized System) shall be amended by adding Category 336 as follows:

Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
336	Dresses, cotton	37.9	doz.

(b) Annex B shall be amended by adding limits for Category 336 as follows:

Category	Unit	1 January 1989 30 September 1989	1 October 1989 30 September 1990
336	doz.	44,503	63,070

This category is entitled to full flexibility provisions of the Agreement.

IV. For the agreement years 1 October 1988 to 30 September 1989 and 1 October 1989 to 30 September 1990, special shift into merged Category 338/339, cotton men's and boys', women's and girls' knit shirts and blouses, totalling 20 per cent shall be available from merged Category 638/639, man-made fibre men's and boys', women's and girls' knit shirts and blouses. This special shift is in addition to existing flexibility provisions of the Agreement.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of Mauritius, then this Note and the Government of Mauritius' Note of Confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of External Affairs and Emigration, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States
Port Louis, 14 December 1988

Mauritius Note

25 January 1989

The Ministry of External Affairs and Emigration presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and with reference to the Embassy's Note (No. 125) of 14 December 1989 has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Government of Mauritius is agreeable to the proposals in the note under reference.

The Ministry of External Affairs and Emigration avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its highest consideration.