

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension and Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Bangladesh

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States extending the restraint period for certain categories by three years from 1 February 1989 to 31 January 1992.¹

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

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments and/or extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1158, 1232, 1280, 1319 and 1351.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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The United States and the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Amend Bilateral Textile Agreement

United States Note

The Department of State refers the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the bilateral textile agreement effected by exchange of notes dated 19 and 24 February 1986, and thereafter amended, and the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva, 20 January 1973. The Department also refers to consultations on the bilateral textile trade agreement held in Washington 30 and 31 January 1989.

The Department of State proposes that the bilateral agreement be amended by extending the specific limits listed in Annex B. Conversion factors for these categories are contained in Annex A. This is in addition to limits already agreed and continuing in force on other categories. The term of the extended agreement shall be from 1 February 1989 to 31 January 1992. The agreement shall contain three agreement-periods beginning 1 February and ending 31 January.

The annual growth rate shall be six per cent on the limits set forth in Annex B. Swing of six per cent shall be available. Carry forward of six per cent shall be available, except in the final Agreement Year. Carryover of eleven per cent shall be available. The combination of carryover and carry forward shall not exceed eleven per cent in any one Agreement Year.

In addition to regular flexibility, Categories 641 and 647/648 shall have special shift in dozens of 15 per cent from any other specific limit except Category 331.

Special shift up to the amount of 106,120 dozens, on top of normal flexibility, will be granted into Category 347/348 for the 1 February 1989-31 January 1990 agreement year only, provided an equal quantity is taken from Category 647/648.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, then this Note and the Embassy's Note of Confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Department of State,
Washington, 23 June 1989

Annex A

| Category | Description | Conversion factor |
|----------|--|-------------------|
| 331 | Cotton gloves | 2.90 |
| 334 | Other men's and boys' coats, ctn. | 34.50 |
| 335 | Women's and girls' coats, ctn. | 34.50 |
| 340/640 | Men's and boys' woven shirts, ctn/mm | 20.10 |
| 341 | Women's and girls' woven blouses, ctn. | 12.10 |
| 347/348 | Trousers, slacks and shorts, ctn. | 14.90 |
| 635 | Women's and girls' coats, mmf | 34.50 |
| 641 | Women's and girls' woven blouses, mmf | 12.10 |
| 647/648 | Trousers, slacks and shorts, mmf | 14.90 |

Annex B

| Category | 1 Feb. 1989- 31 Jan. 1990 | 1 Feb. 1990- 31 Jan. 1991 | 1 Feb. 1991- 31 Jan. 1992 |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 331 | 624,160 dpr | 661,610 dpr | 701,307 dpr |
| 334 | 75,161 doz | 79,671 doz | 84,451 doz |
| 335 | 134,952 doz | 143,049 doz | 151,632 doz |
| 340/640 | 1,581,486 doz | 1,676,375 doz | 1,776,958 doz |
| 340-Y/640-Y | (514,730 doz) | (545,614 doz) | (570,351 doz) |
| 341 | 1,310,118 doz | 1,388,725 doz | 1,472,049 doz |
| 341-Y | (575,339 doz) | (609,859 doz) | (646,451 doz) |
| 347/348 | 1,179,106 doz | 1,249,852 doz | 1,324,843 doz |
| 635 | 170,363 doz | 180,585 doz | 191,420 doz |
| 641 | 548,583 doz | 581,498 doz | 610,388 doz |
| 647/648 | 741,576 doz | 786,071 doz | 833,235 doz |
| 647-T/648-T | (482,024 doz) | (510,945 doz) | (541,602 doz) |

Bangladesh Note

23 August 1989

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Department of State's Note Verbale of 23 June 1989 concerning the Agreement between the United States and the People's Republic of Bangladesh pertaining to trade in certain categories pursuant to textile consultations held between representatives of our Governments in Washington, 30 and 31 January 1989.

I would like to confirm herein that your above-mentioned Note reflects the understanding reached between our two Governments.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

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