

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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COM.TEX/SB/1537\*

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## 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 Mexico

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Mexico. Two specific limits with provisions of the Special Régime (Categories 342/642 and 666) have been converted into designated consultation levels under the Special Régime with effect from 1 January 1989.<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.

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1394, 1509 and 1515.

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

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Embassy of the United States

No. 1837

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States and has the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on 30 December 1973 and extended by protocol on 31 July 1986 (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement between the Governments of the United Mexican States and the United States concerning exports to the United States of cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles and textile products manufactured in the United Mexican States, with annexes, effected on 13 February 1988, as amended (the Agreement). The Embassy has the further honour to refer to consultations held in Washington 23-25 August and 26 and 27 September 1989 to review the Agreement.

As a result of these considerations, the Embassy has the honour to propose the following amendments to the Agreement:

I. (I) Annex C2 shall be amended to include a section called "Special Régime" to include special régime categories subject to designated consultation levels.

(II) The Special Régime section of Annex C2 will contain columns listing: category, base level, unit, and percentage of category not subject to Special Régime.

II. (I) Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving Category 342/642 from Annex B2 to the Special Régime section of Annex C2.

(A) Annex C2 shall be amended by adding the following:

Special Régime

Category	Base level	Unit	Percentage not subject to Special Régime
342/642	307,400	doz	20

(B) For the 1989 period only, the base level shall be adjusted to 350,000 and the portion of Category 342/642's base level not subject to the Special Régime shall be 75,000 dozen.

(II) Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving Category 666 from Annex B2 to the Special Régime section of Annex C2.

(A) Annex C2 shall be amended by adding the following:

Category	Base level	Unit	Percentage not subject to Special Régime
666	3,461,817	kg.	50

(B) For the 1989 period only, the portion of Category 666's base level not subject to the Special Régime shall be 2,200,000 kg.

III. (I) Paragraph 6 shall be amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

"6.(E) Automatic flexibility: The Government of the United States may apply flexibility under paragraphs 5 and 6 to any specific limit whenever that adjustment appears appropriate to facilitate the flow of trade and the sound administration of this Agreement. To the extent that such adjustments are actually utilized, they will be implemented by means of carryover, swing and carry forward, in that order.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Mexican States, then this Note and the Secretariat's Note of Confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States

Mexico, D.F. 2 October 1989

Embassy of Mexico

Washington, D.C.

1 November 1989

Dear Mr. Hoog:

I have the honour of referring to diplomatic Note No. 1837, presented by the United States Embassy in Mexico to the Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Relations on 2 October 1989, concerning the 13 February 1988, Agreement between the United Mexican States and the United States Relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fibre Textiles and Textile Products with Annexes (the Agreement). The Note also mentions the bilateral consultations held in Washington on 23-25 August and 26 and 27 September 1989, to review the Agreement.

In that regard, I wish to inform you that my Government accepts your Government's proposal to amend the Agreement as follows:

- I. "Annex C2 shall be amended to include a section called "Special Régime" that will contain special régime categories subject to designated consultation levels. This section will contain columns listing: category, base level, unit and percentage of category not subject to Special Régime.
- II. Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving Category 342/642 from Annex B2 to the Special Régime Section of Annex C2. Annex C2 shall be amended by adding the following:

Special Régime

Category	Base level	Unit	Percentage not subject to Special Régime
342/642	307,400	doz	20

For the 1989 period level, the base level shall be adjusted to 350,000 dozen and the portion of Category 342/642's base level not subject to the Special Régime shall be 75,000 dozen.

Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving Category 666 from Annex B2 to the Special Régime Section of Annex C2, and adding the following:

Category	Base level	Unit	Percentage not subject to Special Régime
666	3,461,817	kg.	50

For the 1989 period only, the portion of Category 666's base level not subject to the Special Régime shall be 2,200,000 kg.

III. Paragraph 6 shall be amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

"6.(E) Automatic flexibility: The Government of the United States may apply flexibility under paragraphs 5 and 6 to any specific limit, whenever that adjustment appears appropriate to facilitate the flow of trade and the sound administration of this Agreement. To the extent that such adjustments are actually utilized, they will be implemented by means of carryover, swing and carry forward, in that order."

Therefore, the present letter and the United States Embassy's Note shall constitute an amendment to the Bilateral Textile Agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Petricioli  
Ambassador