

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Amendment of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an amendment of its wool and man-made fibre agreement with Romania. Designated consultation levels for categories 442 and 448 were converted into specific limits with effect from 1 January 1992.<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 wool and man-made fibre agreement, amendments and extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1053, 1109, 1327, 1451, 1516, 1517 and 1639.

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

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**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**UNITED STATES NOTE**

No. 051

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism and has the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, as extended (The Arrangement). The Embassy has the further honour to refer to the agreement between Romania and the United States of America relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, as amended and extended by exchange of notes dated 7 May 1991 and 15 August 1991 (The Wool and Man-Made Fibre Agreement).

The Embassy also refers to the 11 December 1991 request of the Government of Romania concerning a proposed increase of 1,600 dozen in the 1992 designated consultation level for category 442 and an increase of 1,700 dozen in the 1992 designated consultation level for category 448. The Embassy also refers to the Government of Romania's request for an increase in the 1992 specific limits for category 435 of 830 dozen and for category 444 of 4,950 numbers.

After careful review of the above-mentioned requests, the Embassy has the honour, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, to propose that the designated consultation levels for categories 442 and 448 be converted to specific limits beginning in the 1992 agreement period and for the remainder of the Wool and Man-Made Fibre Agreement. These specific limits will be included in Annex B and subject to the Group III limit as follows:

CATEGORY	UNIT	1992	1993
442	doz	9,626	9,722
448	doz	8,200	8,282

The above limits will be entitled to all appropriate growth and flexibility provisions as contained in the Wool and Man-Made Fibre Agreement including intercategory flexibility (swing) of five per cent and annual growth of one per cent.

The Embassy regrets to inform the Government of Romania that it will not be possible to accommodate the above-mentioned request for an increase in the 1992 specific limits for category 435 and category 444. However, the Embassy wishes to clarify that in accordance with paragraph 5(A) of the Wool and Man-Made Fibre Agreement, all specific limits may be exceeded by intercategory flexibility (swing), with the exception of those for categories 433/434, 443, 643/644 (not knit) and 645/646. Only the specific limits for categories 433/434, 443, 643/644 (not knit) and 645/656 have built-in swing, as specified in paragraph 5(B) of the Wool and Man-Made Fibre Agreement, and are not entitled to further intercategory flexibility (swing).

In addition, as a result of the implementation of the harmonized system, 100 per cent swing was made available between the limits for categories 435 and 444. The Government of the United States of America understands this provision to be in addition to the normal five per cent swing which may be applied to categories 435 and 444 from other categories in Annex B of the Wool and Man-Made Fibre Agreement. The Government of the United States of America would be pleased to apply such swing to these categories, as available, upon the written request of the Government of Romania.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your government, then this note and a note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Romania shall constitute an agreement between our two governments.

The Embassy of the United States of America further avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism of Romania the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

**Ministry of Commerce and Tourism  
Bucharest - Romania**

No E7/216

**ROMANIA NOTE**

The Ministry of Commerce and Tourism of Romania presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy of the United States of America's note of 26 February 1992, which reads as follows:

**" UNITED STATES NOTE"**

The Ministry of Commerce and Tourism has the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of Romania that the proposal contained in the above note of the Embassy of the United States of America together with this note shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government of the United States of America.

The Ministry of Commerce and Tourism of Romania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bucharest, 13 March 1992