

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1790*

25 August 1992

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification transmitted under Article 4

Extension and modification of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Mexico

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an extension with modifications of its agreement with Mexico, for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992, with provision for a further twelve-month extension.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 are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1394, 1509, 1515, 1537 and 1620.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States Note

No. 1548

31 October 1991

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States and has the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, and subsequently amended (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning exports to the United States of cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles and textile products of 13 February 1988, as amended (the Arrangement).

The Embassy has the further honour to refer to consultations between representatives of the two governments held 2 July 1991 in Washington, 1-2 August in Mexico City and 13 August in Washington, and to the proceedings of the US-Mexico Bilateral Meeting on textiles signed 13 August 1991 regarding a new extension of the Bilateral Textile Agreement between the two countries, which was scheduled to expire on 31 December 1991.

The Embassy also refers to its note of 20 September 1991 and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' note of reply of 17 October 1991.

As a result of the above-mentioned consultations and notes, and in accordance with the proceedings of the US-Mexico Bilateral Meeting on textiles signed 13 August 1991, the Embassy has the honour to propose the following additions and amendments to the Agreement. This note shall supersede the Embassy's note of 20 September 1991.

- I. Amend paragraph one of the Agreement to read "The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 1988 through December 31, 1992" Add the following sentences to paragraph one. "The Agreement may be automatically renewed by either party for one additional year through notification 90 days in advance. The two parties also agree that should either the Uruguay Round or North American Free Trade Agreement negotiations lead to an implemented Agreement prior to the expiration of the extended Bilateral Agreement on textiles, all the provisions of such extended Agreement would be modified or terminated, as appropriate, in accordance with the terms agreed upon in the North American Free Trade Agreement or the Uruguay Round, as the case might be."

- II. Amend paragraph five (C) of the Agreement to read as follows: "During any Agreement year and specific limit or sublimit set out in Annexes B1 or B2 may be increased by not more than 3 percent (swing). Swing of 7 percent shall be available for fabric specific limits within the broadwoven fabric group."
- III. Annex B2 shall be replaced with the following , starting 1 January 1992.

ANNEX B2

SPECIFIC LIMITS (SLs)

Category	1992 Base Limit	Unit	Growth Rate
Broadwoven Fabrics (A/)	50,562,000	Sme	6.0
(218)	1,055,590	Sme	
(219)	15,730,400	Sme	
(313)	28,090,000	Sme	
(317)	14,045,000	Sme	
(326)	1,055,590	Sme	
(611)	2,111,183	Sme	
(220, 225, 226, 227, 314, 315, 613, 614, 615, 617, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629)	(11,611,506 Each)		
300/301/607-Y	7,865,200	Kg	6.0
(300)	(4,209,880)	kg	6.0
341/641 (B/)	838,885	doz	2.0
(341-Y/641-Y)	(303,081)	Doz	2.0
443	177,312	Nos	1.0
604-A (C/)	1,927,776	Kg	4.0
604-0/607-C	1,185,902	Kg	6.0
635	145,185	Doz	6.0
669-B	744,444	Kg	6.0

(A/) Categories 218,-220, 225-227, 313-326, 611-617 and 625-629).

(B/) 341/641 Special Régime levels to be determined later.

(C/) Ten per cent special shift will be allowed between categories 604-A and 604-0/607-0.

SPECIAL REGIME

Category Rate	1992 Special Régime Base Limit	Unit	Normal Régime Sublimit/Separate Limit	Growth
336/636	449,440	doz	(224,720)/	6.0
340/640	454,492	doz	(113,622)/	6.0
341/641	To be decided			
(341-Y/641-Y)	To be decided			
342/642	300,000	doz	/112,360	6.0
352/652	2,800,000	doz	/1,797,760	6.0

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Mexico, then this note and the Secretariat's note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

Embassy of the United States of America

Mexico, D.F., 31 October 1991

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States Note

No. 1563

13 November 1991

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States and has the honour to refer to our Diplomatic Note Number 1548 of 31 October 1991.

Please correct the following typographical error in the referenced diplomatic note: the LIMIT for category 443 in Annex B2 should be 117,312 Nos, not 177,312 Nos.

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

Embassy of the United States of America
Mexico, D.F., 13 November 1991

United States Note

No. 1597

19 November 1991

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States and has the honour to refer to our Diplomatic Note number 1548 of 31 October 1991.

Please correct the first two paragraphs in the referenced diplomatic note to read as follows: "The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States and has the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and subsequently amended (the Arrangement), and to the current Bilateral Textile Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States, concerning exports to the United States of cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 1991.

The Embassy has the further honour to refer to consultations between representatives of the two governments held July 2, 1991 in Washington, August 1-2 in Mexico City, and August 13 in Washington, and to the proceedings of the U.S.- Mexico Bilateral Meeting on textiles signed August 13, 1991 regarding a new extension of the Bilateral Textile Agreement between the two countries."

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

Embassy of the United States of America
Mexico, D.F., 19 November 1991

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The Secretariat of Foreign Relations presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to its notes Nos. 1548, 1563 and 1597 of 31 October and 13 and 19 November 1991, respectively, which translated into Spanish read as follows:

[The Spanish translation of note No. 1548 of 31 October 1991, agrees in all substantive respects with the original English text, with the exceptions noted below, and the corrections to No. 1548 contained in Nos. 1563 and 1597 have been incorporated into the Spanish text.

1. The English text reads "North American Free Trade Association," and the Spanish text reads "_____ Free Trade Association."

Annex B2, Category column, third from last figure. The English text reads "604-0/607," and the Spanish text reads "607-0/807.0."

Minor spelling errors have been corrected in pencil.]

The Secretariat wishes to inform the Embassy that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Mexico and, accordingly, the note transcribed above and this note constitute an arrangement extending and amending the Bilateral Textile Agreement in force between the two countries.

[Complimentary close]

Mexico City, D.F. 21 November 1991
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