

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Extension of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Uruguay

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an extension of its bilateral agreement with Uruguay for the period 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993.<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, amendments and a previous extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/973, 1022, 1121, 1142, 1157, 1393 and 1644.

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

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**Ministry of Foreign Relations**

No. 163/92  
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Montevideo, 9 June 1992

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement between Uruguay and the United States of America concerning trade in wool and cotton textiles, which was entered into in Montevideo by an exchange of notes on 30 December 1983 and 23 January 1984, and its subsequent amendments, which expires 30 June 1992.

In the opinion of this Ministry, the reasons for extending this agreement last year still exist, as was agreed by the exchange of notes of 20 June 1991 and 3 July 1991. Indeed, the future of the multilateral system of trade in textiles and apparel continues to be uncertain, since the multilateral trade negotiations of the Uruguay Round have not yet been concluded, and there are no clear signs of any prompt finalization. In like manner, this situation is affected by the decision to be adopted in the GATT Committee on Textiles with respect to the extension, amendment, or termination of the Multi-fibre Arrangement, which expires on 31 December 1992.

In view of the foregoing, the Ministry of Foreign Relations considers that it could be appropriate, in order to lend stability and predictability to trade in textiles between the two countries, for the bilateral agreement

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Montevideo

to be extended for a 12-month period from 1 July 1992 until 30 June 1993, while applying for that period the increments derived from the growth rates established in that agreement. If on 1 July 1993, the results of the negotiations of the Uruguay Round concerning a transition agreement for the integration of the textile sector into the GATT have not yet gone into effect, the bilateral agreement will be extended for a new 12-month period beginning on that date.

If Your Excellency's Government is in agreement with the foregoing, this note and the note of confirmation from Your Excellency will constitute an agreement between our respective Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Héctor Gros Espiell  
Minister of Foreign Relations

Embassy of the United States of America

Montevideo, 27 July 1992

No. 158

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Bilateral Textile Agreement between the United States of America and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay effected by exchange of notes in Montevideo on 30 December 1983 and 23 January 1984, as amended and extended (the Agreement).

I also have the honour to refer to your note No. 163/92 of 9 June 1992, in which you proposed a twelve-month extension of the Bilateral Agreement from 1 July 1992 through 30 June 1993, with an additional twelve-month extension from 1 July 1993 through 30 June 1994, to go into effect if the proposed transition agreement for the integration of textiles into the GATT has not gone into effect by 1 July 1993.

I am pleased to confirm that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and further propose that Paragraph One of the Agreement be amended to conform with the above-mentioned understanding as follows:

"Agreement Term"

1. (a) The term of this Agreement shall be the period from 1 August 1983 through 30 June 1993. Each "Agreement period" shall be twelve-month period from 1 July of a given year to 30th June of the following year, with the exception of the first "Agreement year", which shall be the eleven-month period from 1 August of 1983 through 30 June 1984.

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(b) Should the Uruguay Round transition arrangement for the integration of the textile sector into the GATT not come into force on or before 1 July 1993, this Agreement will be extended for the twelve-month period commencing on 1 July 1993. However, any such extension of this Bilateral Agreement shall be brought into conformity with any successor to the current protocol of extension to the Multi-fibre Arrangement.

The specific limits for the 1992-1993 agreement year are set out in Annex B which is attached as an integral part of this note. These specific limits do not include any flexibility adjustments permitted under Paragraph 5 of the Agreement. All other provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, then your note of 9 June 1992, this note and your reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on the date of your reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Richard C. Brown

Annex B

Specific Limits

Category

1 July 1992  
30 June 1993

334	104,155 dozen
335	89,661 dozen
410	2,713,607 m2
410 - (Sub) A	1,550,634 m2
410 - (Sub) B	2,498,242 m2
433	16,203 dozen
434	24,173 dozen
435	48,820 dozen
442	34,535 dozen

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Ministry of Foreign Relations

No. 241/92  
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Montevideo, 18 August 1992

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 158 of 27 July 1992, and my note No. 163/92, which states that the Government of the United States of America is in conformity with the proposal by the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay to grant an extension to the bilateral agreement concerning trade in wool and cotton textiles between our countries for a 12-month period from 1 July 1992, until 30 June 1993, with an additional 12-month extension from 1 July 1993, until 30 June 1994, to go into effect if the results of the Uruguay Round concerning a transition agreement for the integration of the textile sector into the GATT have not yet gone into effect by 1 July 1993.

Accordingly, I have the honour to confirm the acceptance by the Government of Uruguay of your proposal that paragraph one of the bilateral agreement be amended, which is to read as follows:

[Spanish translation of paragraph one "Agreement Term," Annex B "Specific Limits," and the paragraph beginning "The specific limits for the 1992-1993 agreement year" agrees with the English text in all substantive respects.]

In this respect, I am pleased to state that all the particulars concerning the extension of the bilateral agreement between our countries concerning trade in wool and cotton textiles contained in your note in reference are acceptable to the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. Consequently, your note of 27 July 1992, and this note in reply constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

I have the honour to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Héctor Gros Espiell  
Minister of Foreign Relations