

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to a Bilateral Agreement
Between the United States and Mexico^{1/}

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States regarding an amendment to its bilateral agreement with Mexico concerning trade in textiles. The period of validity of the agreement ends 30 April 1978.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

^{1/} For details of the agreement see documents COM.TEX/SB/90 and 175.

^{2/} See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

8 July 1977

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Mexico exchanged notes on 24 May 1977, to amend the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

24 May 1977

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement of 12 May 1975, as amended, between our two Governments concerning trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles (hereafter referred to as the Agreement). I have further the honour to refer to recent discussions held in Washington, D.C. between representatives of our two Governments pursuant to paragraph 8 of the Agreement. As a result of these discussions, I wish to propose that the Agreement be further amended as follows:

1. In the second agreement year:

(a) Categories 42 and 43 are merged. This merged category is subject to a consultation level of 1.7 million square yards equivalent (SYE).

(b) Categories 116 and 117 are merged. This merged category is subject to a consultation level of 200,000 SYE.

(c) The following categories are subject to the consultation levels specified below:

Category 201	5,600,000 SYE
Category 240	6,720,580 SYE

2. In the third agreement year:

(a) The specific limit for category 223 established by the amendment of 16 March 1976, is deleted.

(b) The following categories are subject to the consultation levels specified below:

Category 223	7,000,000 SYE
Category 240	11,500,000 SYE
Category 243	5,000,000 SYE

If the foregoing conforms with the understanding of your Government, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Mexico shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which amends the Agreement, effective on the date of your note of acceptance.

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

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) Stephen Bosworth

H.E. Hugo B. Margain
Ambassador of Mexico

MEXICAN NOTE

Washington, D.C.
24 May 1977

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this date, in which you propose certain amendments to the Agreement relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fibre Textiles between Mexico and the United States.

I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Government of Mexico, that the contents of your note are in accordance with the understandings reached in the discussions mentioned by your Excellency. Therefore, your note and this note of confirmation shall constitute amendments to the Agreement between our two Governments on this subject.

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

(signed) Hugo B. Margain
Ambassador

H.E. Mr. Cyrus R. Vance,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.