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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification to the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification concerning the modification of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong by the establishment^{1/} of a new specific limit pursuant to consultations under Article 9 thereof.—

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

^{1/} The original agreement and previous amendments or modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/321, 393, 413, 438, 488, 563, 663 and 700.

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



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1 February 1982

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to our discussions in the TSB last summer, I herewith list the category for which a limit was set with Hong Kong pursuant to paragraph 9 of the United States-Hong Kong bilateral during the 1981 agreement year; a specific limit has also been established for this category for the 1982 agreement year.

The category concerned was 633/634 (coats, M and B) and the level set was 294, 211 dozen. Hong Kong has elected, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 9(e) IV of the bilateral, to convert this level into a specific limit for the 1982 agreement year, at a level of 307,460 dozen (i.e., an increase of 4.5 percent).

As I have noted previously, these limitations are considered by the two governments to be established under the implementation procedures of paragraph 9 and, hence, are not technically amendments thereto. However, since the limits do modify the agreement within the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the MFA, they are being so notified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Shepherd".
Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor