

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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COM.TEX/SB/1644\*

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# TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification transmitted under Articles 7 and 8

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

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further extension of its bilateral agreement with Uruguay for the period 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992.<sup>1</sup>

The notification was received under Article 4; the TSB, however, decided to forward the text of the notification to participating countries under Articles 7 and 8, as Uruguay, which had participated in the Arrangement until 31 July 1991, had not as yet accepted the extension of the 1986 Protocol.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement, previous amendments and extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/973, 1022, 1121, 1142, 1157 and 1393.

<sup>2</sup>For the TSB's observation, see paragraph 36 of COM.TEX/SB/1647.

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Letter from the Ministry of External Relations  
Montevideo

(Complimentary Opening) ... To write to your excellency in order to make reference to the bilateral agreement between Uruguay and the United States of America relating to trade in woollen and cotton textiles that was agreed in Montevideo through an exchange of notes on 30 December 1983 and 23 January 1984 and its subsequent amendments, which expires 30 June 1991.

The future of the multilateral framework for trade in textiles and apparel is still uncertain. The trade negotiations of the Uruguay Round - which among other matters under negotiation include defining methods by which this sector may be integrated into the GATT, on the basis of reinforced rules and disciplines of the General Agreement - have not been completed. Consultations also continue within the Textile Committee of the GATT regarding the extension, modification or revocation of the Multi-fibre Arrangement.

In view of this situation, in order to insure stability and predictability in the conduct trade in textiles and apparel between the parties, and in the light of consultations held at the technical level, it would be appropriate to proceed with the extension of the subject agreement for a period of 12 months, from 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992. During said period, the specific limits in effect through 30 June 1991, will be increased.

In conformity with the growth rates established in the bilateral agreement and its subsequent modifications.

If you are in agreement with the above, this note and the confirming note of your excellency will constitute an agreement between our governments.

(Complimentary closing)

Letter from the Embassy of the United States of America

Embassy of the  
United States of America

Montevideo, 3 July 1991

No. 214

Excellency,

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

I also refer to your note No. 116/91 of 20 June 1991, proposing a twelve-month extension of the Bilateral Agreement from 1 July 1991 through 30 June 1992.

I wish to confirm that the details of the extension contained in your note are acceptable to the Government of the United States. Your note of 20 June 1991 and this note constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

His Excellency  
Héctor Gros Espiell