The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Canada of a further amendment to its bilateral agreement with Thailand, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. The consultation level for sportswear has been converted into a specific limit effective from 1 January 1984.

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

1 The original bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/918, 932 and 980
2 See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B
* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
Delegations representing the Government of Canada and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand met in Bangkok on August 9-10, 1984 to consider Canada's requests for consultations regarding exports from Thailand of sportswear to Canada in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 30 to 33 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two Governments for textiles and textile products and, regarding exports to Canada from Thailand of underwear and sweaters in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

The delegations agreed to convert the existing consultation level governing the export of sportswear from Thailand to Canada into a specific restraint level for the duration of the life of the Memorandum of Understanding (i.e., until the end of 1986). In this regard, a 1984 restraint level for sportswear was established at 1,900,000 units with an annual growth rate of 6 percent. In addition, it was further agreed that this category shall be accorded swing of 6 percent and carry-over and carry-forward of 11 percent, of which carry-forward shall not be more than 6 percent. The conversion factor for sportswear is 3.5 square meters per unit.