ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the agreement between
Canada and Sri Lanka

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an amendment of its agreement with Sri Lanka. A restraint on bedsheets was agreed for the period 30 July to 31 December 1991.¹

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

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1410.
²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

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Canadian Letter

His Excellency Walter Rupesinghe
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Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
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Dear High Commissioner,

This is further to my letter of 25 July 1991, and your request for an increase in the restraint level for bedsheets export from Sri Lanka to Canada.

I am pleased to advise that Canadian authorities have approved an annual restraint level of 463,259 units of bedsheets. Accordingly, the prorated restraint level for the period of 30 July 1991 to 31 December 1991, will be 193,025 units.

For the purpose of identification, bedsheets will be specified as Item 12 of Annex I of the Canada/Sri Lanka Textiles Agreement (MOU). No swing is permitted between products in Group A and products of Group B. Pursuant to paragraph 32 of the MOU, flexibility will be as follows: growth 6%, swing 7%, carryover and carry forward 5%. The combined use of swing, carryover and carry forward shall not exceed 15%. Conversion factor shall be 5.2 metres square per unit.

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of the MOU, the Government of Canada will admit imports of bedsheets from Sri Lanka that are covered by an original copy of a Sri Lankan "Export Certificate" issued and endorsed by the proper Sri Lankan Authority, including a statement to the effect that the imports covered by the license have been debited to the applicable quantitative limit.

In light of the addition of this product to Group B, Canadian Authorities propose that the flexibility provisions for Item 11, work gloves, be amended as follows: swing 7%, combined flexibility 15%, and that the conversion factor be 0.24 metres square per unit.
I would be grateful to receive confirmation by letter that the arrangement proposed above is satisfactory to the Government of Sri Lanka. This letter, together with your letter of confirmation in reply, will constitute an intergovernmental arrangement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of Canada, to enter into effect retroactively from 30 July 1991.

Yours sincerely,

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Export Import Permits Bureau
Mr. Jean Saint-Jacques  
Director  
Import Control I Division (Textiles and Clothing)  
Export Import Permits Bureau  
Department of External Affairs and  
International Trade  
Ottawa

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter No. 611-SRI of 15th August 1991 informing me that the Canadian Authorities have approved an annual restraint level of 463,259 units of bedsheets and that accordingly the prorated restraint level for the period 30 July to 31 December 1991 will be 193,025 units.

I hereby confirm that the arrangement proposed in your letter is satisfactory.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Rupesinghe  
High Commissioner