ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between
Canada and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an extension of its agreement with Hong Kong for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications received 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 bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1409.
² See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

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NOTE OF THE CANADIAN COMMISSION, HONG KONG,
25 SEPTEMBER 1991

Note XBTD2477

The Commission for Canada presents its compliments to the Trade Department of the Hong Kong Government and has the honour to refer to the Trade Department's Note CR EIC 191/5/15 responding to the Commission's Note XBTD1794 of 23 July 1991 proposing that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Hong Kong relating to the export from Hong Kong of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU) be extended to 31 December 1993.

The Canadian Authorities agree to extend the MOU for a period of two years until 31 December 1993 and notes that this extension will apply to all the terms and conditions contained in the MOU, including growth rates and flexibility provisions, and that the carryover/carry forward provisions will also apply to 1991 and 1992. The extension will be without prejudice to any agreement governing the textile trade which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round, and the two governments agree to consult each other on any changes necessary to the terms of the extended MOU in order to take into account any such agreement.

The Canadian authorities note that the extension will, among other things, have the effect of amending paragraphs 4 and 6 of the MOU so as to extend the period of application of all the provisions of the MOU for two more years, i.e. until 31 December 1993. The extension will also have the effect of amending paragraph 17 regarding the carry forward arrangements, so that the increase of the 1993 restraint limits, in light of the application of the carry forward provisions will be subject to consultations. The reference in the MOU to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) and the Protocol extending the said arrangement will include the Protocol Maintaining in Force the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done at Geneva on 31 July 1991.

If you agree, this note and your note of acceptance shall constitute an amendment to the MOU.

The Commission for Canada avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Trade Department of the Government of Hong Kong the assurances of its highest consideration.

Hong Kong 25 September 1991
HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TRADE DEPARTMENT

Note Verbale

1. The Trade Department of the Hong Kong Government presents its compliments to the Commission for Canada and has the honour to refer to the Trade Department's Note of 14 August 1991 and the Commission's Note XBDT2477 of 25 September 1991 concerning the Memorandum of Understanding dated 17 January 1987 between the Government of Hong Kong and Government of Canada relating to the export from Hong Kong of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU).

2. This note is to confirm that the Hong Kong Government has completed its necessary internal procedures and agrees to extend the MOU for a period of two years until 31 December 1993. This extension will apply to all the terms and conditions contained in the MOU including growth rates and flexibility provisions, and that the carryover/carry forward provisions will also apply to 1991 and 1992. The extension will be without prejudice to any agreement governing textiles trade which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round and the two Governments will consult each other on any changes necessary to the terms of the extended MOU in order to take into account any such agreement.

3. The extension will among other things have the effect of amending paragraphs 4 and 6 of the MOU so as to extend the period of application of all the provisions of the MOU for two more years i.e. until 31 December 1993. The extension will also have the effect of amending paragraph 17 regarding carry forward arrangements so that increase of the 1993 restraint limits by application of the carry forward provisions will be subject to consultations. The reference in the MOU to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) and the Protocol extending the said Arrangement will include the Protocol Maintaining in Force the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done at Geneva on 31 July 1991.

4. This note along with the Commission's note XBDT2477 of 25 September 1991 aforementioned constitute an amendment to the MOU.

5. The Trade Department avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Commission for Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

Trade Department,
Hong Kong, 7 October 1991