ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification Under Articles 7 and 8

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement Between Canada and Bulgaria

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Bulgaria.

This notification under Articles 7 and 8 has been made in accordance with a request by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with countries non-participants in the Arrangement, should be notified.

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The original bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/849.
Dear Mr. Chairman,

With reference to Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the MFA) done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and to the Protocol extending the MFA, done at Geneva, December 22, 1981, I have the honour to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body of a modification to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria Relating to the Export from the People's Republic of Bulgaria of Certain Textile Products for Import into Canada. The amendment provides for the conversion of the existing consultation level for the export of winter outerwear to a specific restraint level under the current arrangement. This modification, effective October 1, 1985 to December 31, 1986, takes into account circumstances facing the Canadian clothing market and the position of Bulgaria as an established supplier to that market. The textile product subject to the modification falls within the scope of the MFA.

Although Bulgaria is not an MFA member, the arrangement provides for a restraint level in keeping with MFA provisions, as well as for swing of 5 percent, and a conversion factor of 3.2 square meters per unit.
The Government of Canada believes this arrangement to be in conformity with the provisions of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension and, as such, in keeping with the gradual liberalization of the Canadian import program on clothing and textiles.

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

R.G. Wright
Minister
Delegations representing the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria met in Ottawa on November 14, 1985 to discuss the export from Bulgaria to Canada of winter outerwear, as defined in Item 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria Relating to the Export from the People's Republic of Bulgaria of Certain Textile Products for Import into Canada.

The delegations agreed to convert the existing consultation level governing the export of outerwear from Bulgaria to Canada into a specific restraint level for the duration of the life of the Memorandum of Understanding (i.e., to December 31, 1986). In this regard, the two sides agreed that the restraint level for the fifteen month period commencing October 1, 1985 and ending December 31, 1986 will be 38,095 units. It was also agreed that this category shall be accorded swing of 5%, and that the conversion factor for outerwear will be 3.2 square meters per unit. The Memorandum of Understanding between the two Governments is hereby amended to reflect the above changes.

Both delegations indicated that their agreement to the above understanding was on an ad referendum basis subject to approval by their respective Ministers. Accordingly, both sides agreed that such arrangement would be finalised through an exchange of notes between the two Governments.

T.A. MacDonald
Leader
Canadian Delegation

F. Ralchev
Leader
Bulgarian Delegation

Ottawa
November 14, 1985
Ottawa, February 6, 1986

NOTE No. 136

The Embassy of the People's Republic of Bulgaria presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs of Canada and with reference to the Department's Note No. EST-0132 of January 26, 1986, wishes to inform them of the Bulgarian government's approval to the arrangement outlined in the Agreed Record of Discussions— which constitute an amendment to Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and Bulgaria governing trade in textiles and textile products.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of Bulgaria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of External Affairs of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.
The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and wishes to refer to the Agreed Record of Discussions signed by representatives of Canada and Bulgaria in Ottawa on November 14, 1985, concerning exports to Canada of winter outerwear originating in Bulgaria. Pursuant to the provisions of the third paragraph of the Agreed Record of Discussions, Canadian authorities wish to confirm that Canadian Ministers have now given approval to the arrangement as agreed between the two delegations. Accordingly, it is proposed that this note, together with the note from Bulgarian authorities confirming acceptance by their Government, give effect to the arrangement outlined in the Agreed Record and thereby constitute an amendment to Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and Bulgaria governing trade in textiles and textile products.
The Department of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the People’s Republic of Bulgaria the assurances of its highest consideration.

OTTAWA, January 28, 1986