Bilateral Agreement between Canada and Turkey

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of a bilateral agreement concluded with Turkey for the period 1 April–31 December 1986 with respect to pants, shorts, overalls and coveralls.
Mr. M. Raffaelli
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
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Dear Mr. Raffaelli,

I have the honour to submit to the Textiles Surveillance Body the attached notification of an arrangement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Turkey relating to the export from Turkey of pants, shorts, overalls and coveralls for import into Canada.

Yours sincerely,

B.E. Morrisey
First Secretary
With reference to paragraph 4 of Article 4 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 the conclusion of an arrangement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Turkey relating to the export from Turkey of pants, shorts, overalls and coveralls for import into Canada.

The arrangement, effective April 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986 takes into account circumstances facing the Canadian clothing market and the position of Turkey as a supplier to that market. The arrangement covers clothing products which fall within the scope of the MFA. The level applicable to exports of pants, shorts, overalls and coveralls was established taking into consideration historical trading patterns and other provisions contained in Article 4 of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension. The sublimit applicable to exports of pants, trousers, slacks and jeans was established taking into consideration historical trading patterns, the circumstances facing the Canadian market for these products, and other provisions contained in Article 4 of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension.

As the arrangement will be in effect for less than one calendar year and covers only one product category, no provision has been made for flexibility.

The Government of Canada believes this arrangement conforms with the provisions of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension and, as such, is in keeping with the gradual liberalization of the Canadian import programme on textiles and clothing.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.
Mr. H.E. Yigit
Head of Delegation for the Government
of the Republic of Turkey
Counsellor, Undersecretariat of Treasury
and Foreign Trade
ANKARA, Turkey

Dear Mr. Yigit:

Thank you for your letter of April 14, 1986 concerning
the Republic of Turkey's exports of pants, slacks, shorts,
overalls and coveralls to Canada. I would like to confirm
that your letter reflects the understanding reached between our two
governments.

With regard to your reference to Category 37.2, I have
attached a definition of the products involved so that this will
also form an official part of the arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

W.V. Turner
Head of Canadian Delegation
Deputy Director
Import Controls Division I
(Textiles & Clothing)
Special Trade Relations Bureau

Attachment
Definitions and Description of Terms

General Notes

1) Gender - Unless otherwise indicated, all definitions of garments apply to garments for men, boys, women, girls, children and infants. Children's and infants' garments include all garments sized 0 - 6x.

2) All garment items include partially manufactured garments, i.e., garments which have been cut and sewn, or otherwise assembled, but which require further manufacture or processing.

3) Garments of indeterminate gender, including unisex garments, are to be counted as of male gender.

4) "Wholly or mainly" is 50 percent or more in all items unless otherwise indicated.

Description of Product Category

CLOTHING

1. Trousers, Shorts, Overalls and Coveralls

   i) Trousers, pants, slacks and jeans for men and boys manufactured of fabric containing 5 percent or more by weight of wool or hair, being garments which do not extend above the waist but extend to the knee or below. Included are jodhpurs, knickers, footless tights, gauchos.

   ii) Trousers, pants, slacks and jeans for children and infants wholly or mostly by weight of cotton, man-made fibres, or wool or blends thereof, being garments which do not extend above the waist but extend to the knee or below. Included are jodhpurs, knickers, footless tights, gauchos.

   iii) Overalls and coveralls wholly or mainly by weight of cotton, man-made fibres or wool, or blends thereof. Overalls and coveralls are one-piece garments, as either pants or shorts but extending above the waist in the form of a bib (or permanently affixed straps) or other structure which partially or fully covers the upper part of the body. One-piece jumpsuits are included.
iv) Outershorts, wholly or mainly by weight of cotton, man-made fibres or wool, or blends thereof. Shorts are garments similar to pants but not extending to the knee.

v) Trousers, pants, slacks and jeans wholly or mainly by weight of cotton, man-made fibres, or wool or blends thereof, being garments which do not extend above the waist but extend to the knee or below. Included are jodhpurs, knickers, footless tights, gauchos.

Note: Excluded are woolen 'garments for men's and boys' and children and infants' garments manufactured of fabric containing five percent or more by weight of wool or hair, and children's and infants' garments. Men's and boys' trousers, pants, slacks and jeans containing five per cent or more by weight of wool or hair are considered to be woolen garments as described in paragraph 1(i) above.

Category Numbers

Category 1A includes garments as described in paragraphs 1(i) through 1(iv).

Category 1B includes garments as described in paragraph 1(v).
Dear Mr. W.V. Turner:

It is my understanding that pursuant to Article 4 of the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textile done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, as extended by the Protocol on December 22, 1981, the following was agreed during our discussion in Ankara, Turkey, on February 17 and 18, 1986 and referring to the Note Number 032 on March 27, 1986, delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey by the Canadian Embassy in Ankara on March 27, 1986.

The Government of the Republic of Turkey will restrain its exports of pants, slacks, shorts, overalls and coveralls to the level of 750,000 units in the period of February 18 - December 31, 1986 and keep the sublimit for subcategory 37.2 (men's, boys, women's, girls' non-woolen pants) in the period to 225,000 units.

The Turkish Government will have the right to assist in implementing the above understanding. Nothing in this agreement shall prejudice the rights of either party in the resolution of any subsequent textile issue.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above understanding is correct.

Sincerely,

Halil Ezher Yigit

Head of Delegation for the Government of the Republic of Turkey

Mr. W.V. Turner

Head of Delegation

Deputy Director, EST

Department of External Affairs