ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Sri Lanka

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from Canada of an exchange of letters with Sri Lanka on the product coverage of their agreement.

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1The text of the bilateral agreement is contained in TEX.SB/1445.
June 28, 1988

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

Further to my letter of February 25, 1988, please find enclosed copies of an exchange of letters between the Government of Canada and the Government of Sri Lanka amending the bilateral agreement to remove paragraph 21 of Annex II.

Yours sincerely,

J. Gero
Counsellor
The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and has the honour to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to the export from the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada, and in particular to Annex II thereof.

Canadian authorities wish to bring to the attention of the Sri Lankan authorities that (A) whereas Annex II includes in paragraph 21, garments of leather, and (B) whereas the MOU has been concluded having regard to the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (hereinafter referred to as "the MFA"), and (C) whereas the MFA does not apply to garments of leather, and (D) whereas it is desirable to avoid an inconsistency between the MOU and the MFA, therefore, Canadian authorities wish to propose that paragraph 21 of Annex II of the MOU which reads, "Leather coats, leather outdoor jackets, overcoats, topcoats and sportscoats including those made of genuine leather, genuine sheepskin and genuine suede", be stricken from the Annex and from the coverage of the MOU.

Canadian authorities further propose that, if this deletion is acceptable to the Sri Lankan authorities, this note and the reply note from the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka confirming its acceptance of this proposal constitute an amendment to the MOU to this effect.
No. 27/En(Ek)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to the High Commission of Canada and has the honour to refer to IPN No. 8094 of 19th April 1988 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of Canada relating to the export from Sri Lanka of certain textile and textile products for import into Canada and in particular to Annex II thereof.

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka confirms its acceptance of the proposal to delete paragraph 21 of Annex II to the MOU and remove from the coverage of the MOU "Leather coats, leather outerwear-jackets, overcoats, topcoats and sportcoats including those made of genuine leather, genuine sheepskin and genuine suede".

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka also confirms that IPN No. 8094 and this response thereto will constitute an amendment to the MOU to that effect.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Colombo, 26th April, 1988

The High Commission of Canada,
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