ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Bilateral agreement between Canada and the Philippines

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of a bilateral agreement concluded with the Philippines for the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991.1

1The previous bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/876.

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Pursuant to Article 4:4 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 on July 31, 1986, I have the honour to notify you of the conclusion of a new five-year bilateral Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines relating to the export from the Philippines of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada effective from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1991. This replaces a previous arrangement which expired on December 31, 1986.

The current arrangement takes into account circumstances facing the Canadian clothing market and the position of the Philippines as a supplier to this market. It also provides for increased access for the Philippines to the Canadian textile and clothing market.

The arrangement maintains the same simplified classification system of the previous arrangement. It modifies the coverage of the previous arrangement, however, by dropping restraints on foundation garments and eliminating consultation levels on four items, sweaters, sleepwear, acrylic yarn and handbags. Restraints have been introduced on one new item, swimwear. In the case of swimwear, imports from the Philippines in the first eight months of 1986 totalled 289,760 units, a 52 per
cent increase over the 919,204 units received in all of 1985. This constitutes 8.1 per cent of all swimwear imports during that period. The domestic share of the apparent Canadian market, however, between 1984 and 1985 dropped from 45 per cent to 36 per cent. Historically, imports in 1985 achieved their highest share ever of the Canadian swimwear market, rising to 64 per cent.

The 6 per cent annual growth in restraint levels of the previous arrangement for all adult clothing categories has been maintained, as has the 8 per cent growth rate for children's and infants' clothing. The new arrangement also provides increases in 1987 clothing base levels of between 3 and 15 per cent over 1986.

Flexibility provisions of the previous arrangement have been maintained at up to 7 per cent for swing, 11 per cent for carry over and 6 per cent for carry forward.

As in the past, there are provisions for the exchange of statistics, crediting back to quantitative limits re-exports from Canada of restrained items, the spacing out of exports, consultations concerning the equity of restraints, and general consultations on matters affecting trade in textiles and textile products between the two countries, including consultations on items not covered by restraints in the event of market disruption in Canada, or the threat thereof. Provisions encouraging imports of children's and infants' clothing have also been included in this arrangement.

In recent years there has been considerable disruption to the Canadian clothing and textile market caused by a sharp and substantial increase in imports at prices substantially below those prevailing for similar goods produced in Canada. The average growth rate for low-cost clothing imports, on a unit volume basis, was 11 per cent between 1981 and 1985. This compares with an estimated annual market growth of approximately 2.3 per cent. As a result, the Canadian clothing industry has seen its share of the domestic market decline, on a unit volume basis, from 69 per cent in 1981 to 57 per cent in 1985. During that period the Canadian Textile and Clothing Board estimates that import growth may have cost as many as 15,000 Canadian jobs. Apparel imports increased by approximately 10 per cent in 1986 leading to an expected further deterioration in the situation facing domestic producers. A complicating factor has been the highly erratic pattern of imports, with increases in low-cost clothing imports of 26 and 15 per cent during 1983 and 1984 respectively. This has seriously
affected the ability of the Canadian Government and manufacturers rationally to plan and implement adjustment measures.

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 programme on textiles and clothing.

A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached.

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

Yours sincerely,

J. Gero
Counsellor
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
RELATING TO THE EXPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
OF
CERTAIN TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS
FOR IMPORT INTO CANADA
Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of Canada and the Government of The Republic of the Philippines Relating to the Export from the Philippines of certain textiles and textile products for Import into Canada.

INTRODUCTION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the arrangements that have been agreed between the Governments of Canada and the Philippines regarding the export of certain textile products from the Philippines for import into Canada.

2. These arrangements have been made having regard to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as "the MFA") and to the Protocol Extending the said Arrangement and in particular to Article 4 thereof.

Restraint periods

3. These arrangements will apply for the periods commencing on January 1, 1987 and ending on December 31, 1991; of which the first restraint period will commence on January 1, 1987 and end on December 31, 1987 and the four (4) subsequent restraint periods will be for the calendar years 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Restraint levels

4. Except as provided for in paragraphs 15 to 18 below, the Government of the Philippines will restrain its exports to Canada of the textile products described in Annex I for the first period as defined in paragraph 3 to the limits specified in column (C) therein.

5. Except as provided for in paragraphs 15 to 18 below, for the four calendar year periods commencing January 1, 1988 and ending on December 31, 1991, the Government of the Philippines will restrain its exports to Canada of the textile products described in Annex I to the limits specified in column (C) therein advanced on an annual basis by the growth rate specified in column (D).

Coverage

6. For the purpose of classifying textiles and textile products in the appropriate category, the definitions and notes set out in Annex II will apply.
7. With reference to Article 12.3 of the MFA, traditional folklore items produced by the cottage industry of the Philippines will be exempted from restraint provided that such items are properly certified in accordance with the provisions of Annex III.

Administration

8. These arrangements will be implemented on the basis of the export control system operated by the Government of the Philippines.

9. The Government of Canada will admit imports of the textiles and textile products which are described in Annex II and are subject to a specific quantitative limit in Annex I, provided such imports are covered by an original copy of a Philippine "Export Licence" certified and issued by the proper authority, including a statement to the effect that the imports covered by the licence have been debited to the applicable quantitative limit (restraint) as set out in Annex I.

10. For the purpose of implementing these arrangements, the date of export from the Philippines will be used to determine within which restraint period any textiles or textile products will be counted.

11. The export licences issued by the Government of the Philippines in respect of products covered by Annex I will contain the following information:

1. Country of destination;
2. Country of origin;
3. Licence number;
4. Importer's name and address;
5. Exporter's name and address;
6. Category number and description of product as set out in Annex I of the MOU;
7. Quantity expressed in the units as designated in Annex I of the MOU;
8. F.O.B. or C.I.F. value;
9. Certification by the proper authority (paragraph 9);
10. Restraint Period (year).

12. In the event any quantity covered by an export licence is not shipped, or any part of it is returned, regardless of the reason, the Government of the Philippines will notify the Government of Canada of such quantities which may be credited by the Government of the Philippines to the appropriate restraint level.
13. The Government of the Philippines will endeavour to ensure that exports of all textiles and textile products which are listed in Annex II and are subject to restraint levels in Annex I are spaced out as evenly as possible during each restraint period, due account being taken of seasonal factors and of normal channels of trade.

14. If, on the basis of Canadian import data, the Government of Canada ascertains that there is a sharp and substantial increase in the concentration of exports of textiles or textile products, other than that attributable to normal seasonal factors and normal channels of trade, it may request consultations in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 27 with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Swing

15. Subject to the specific limitations set out in Annex I, and following notification to the Government of Canada, any restraint level may be exceeded by the percentage shown in column (E) provided that an equivalent amount, through application of the conversion factors shown in column (G), is deducted from any other restraint level in the same group. When any restraint level is exceeded by the application of swing, the Government of the Philippines will so indicate in subsequent monthly statistical reports.

Carry-Over/Carry-Forward

16. Following notification to the Government of Canada of the quantities involved, portions of any quantitative limit set out in Annex I which are not used during a restraint period may be carried over and added to the corresponding quantitative limit for the following restraint period. The restraint level for the latter restraint period will be increased within the higher percentage limit set out in column (F) of Annex I.

17. Following notification to the Government of Canada of the quantities involved, any restraint level may be increased within the lower percentage limit set out in column (F) of Annex I by an amount advanced from the corresponding restraint level for the following restraint period. The restraint level for any such following restraint period will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount so advanced.
18. Portions of any restraint limit which remain unused from the restraint period 1 January 1986 to 31 December 1986 (as covered by the preceding agreement) may, after notification, be carried over and added to the appropriate restraint level for the restraint period commencing 1 January 1987. Such carry-over will be within the higher percentage limit set out in column (F) of Annex 1.

Exchange of Statistics

19. Both Governments will exchange such statistical data relating to the exports of textiles and textile products not subject to these arrangements as may reasonably be required.

20. The Government of the Philippines will provide the Government of Canada with monthly statistics relating to exports of the textile products listed in Annex II which are licensed for export to Canada and debited against restraint levels for each restraint period as per Annex I.

21. When submitting the monthly statistics mentioned in paragraph 20, the Government of the Philippines undertakes to include the following information:

a. Category and description of goods as set out in Annex I.

b. Original and adjusted restraint level for the restraint period.

c. Total quantity issued for the restraint period to date in the units designated in Annex I.

d. Indication of any utilization of swing, carry-over or carry-forward provisions and the quantities involved as provided for in paragraphs 15 to 18 above.

This information will be provided as soon as possible following the end of each month.
22. The Government of Canada will provide the Government of the Philippines with monthly statistics relating to import permits issued for imports originating in the Philippines of the textiles and textile products listed in Annex I.

23. Both Governments reserve the option of requesting, should it be necessary, more specific and detailed information.

Equity

24. Should either Government consider, as a result of this arrangement, that it is placed in an inequitable position compared with any third party, that Government may request the other to consult as provided in paragraph 26 with a view to implementing appropriate remedial measures.

Re-Exports

25. The Government of Canada will, so far as possible, inform the Government of the Philippines when imports into Canada of textiles and textile products subject to restraint under Annex I are subsequently re-exported from Canada. Where such re-exports have been debited by the Government of the Philippines to quantitative limits, the Government of the Philippines may then credit the amount involved to the appropriate quantitative limits.

Consultations

26. Either Government has the right to request consultations with the other Government on any matter arising from the implementation or operation of these arrangements or on any matter germane thereto. Such consultations will be governed by the following:

- Any request for consultations will be notified in writing to the other Government;
- The request for consultations will be accompanied by or followed within a reasonable period (and in any case not later than twenty-one days following the request) by a statement setting out the reasons and circumstances which, in the opinion of the requesting Government, justify the submission of such a request;

- The other government will accept such a request and such consultations will be held within thirty days of the date of notification of the request;

- Both Governments will enter into consultations with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable conclusion within thirty days of the date on which actual consultations commence.

27. Any consultations held under these provisions will be approached by both Governments in a spirit of cooperation and with a desire to reconcile the differences between them.

28. In the event that the Government of Canada believes that imports from the Philippines of products listed in Annex II not covered by specific limits are, due to market disruption or the threat thereof, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade between the two countries, the Government of Canada may request consultations with the Government of the Philippines with a view to easing or avoiding such market disruption. The Government of Canada will provide the Government of the Philippines at the time of the request with available data which are indicative of the market situation and in the opinion of the Government of Canada show:

A. The existence of market disruption, or the threat thereof, and

B. The role of exports from the Philippines in that disruption.
29. The Government of the Philippines agrees to consult with the Government of Canada within 30 days of receipt of the request for consultations. Both Governments agree to make every effort to reach agreement on a mutually satisfactory resolution of the issue within 90 days of the receipt of such request, unless this period is extended by mutual agreement.

30. During the 90-day period, the Government of the Philippines agrees to hold its exports to Canada of the products concerned to a level no greater than 35 percent of the amount entered into Canada, as recorded by Canadian import permit statistics, where available, during the latest 12 months prior to the month in which the request for consultations was made.

31. If no mutually satisfactory solution is reached during these consultations, the Government of Canada may establish a specific limit for the duration of this agreement for shipments of the product concerned exported on and after the conclusion of the 90 day period referred to above. This limit will not be less than the amount of imports which are entered into Canada during the first 12 of the most recent 14 months preceding the month in which the request for consultations was made, plus 20 percent.

32. If a specific limit is established under paragraph 31 in the course of a calendar year, it will be prorated to correspond to the time period between the effective date and the end of the calendar year. Flexibility (swing, carry-over and carry-forward) and growth will be provided taking into account the provisions of the MFA.

MFA Rights

33. Each Government reserves its rights under the MFA with respect to textiles and textile products not subject to specific quantitative limits in this arrangement. For textiles and textile products covered by this arrangement, it is understood that either Government may have recourse to any or all of the provisions of the MFA, save that the Government of Canada waives its rights under Article 3 of the MFA with respect to restrained products covered by these arrangements as long as this arrangement remains in effect.
Revisions and Termination

34. Either Government may at any time propose revisions to the terms of these arrangements having regard to the MFA and to the Protocol extending it.

Transitional Arrangements

35. Any difficulties which may arise as a consequence of the transition to this arrangement will be brought immediately to the attention of the one Government by the other Government and efforts will be made by both Governments, through consultations or other means, to resolve such difficulties to their mutual satisfaction.

Final Provisions

36. This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on January 1, 1987 subsequent to an exchange of letters between the two Governments confirming their acceptance of the arrangement.

Manila, the Philippines, 1986

For the Government of Canada  For the Government of the Philippines

[Signatures]
## ANNEX I - RESTRAINT LEVELS

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Annex II
Definitions and Description of Terms

General Notes

1. Gender - Unless otherwise indicated, all definitions of garments apply to garments for men (M), boys (B), women (W), girls (G), children and infants (C&I). Children's and infants' garments include all garments sized 0 - 6X.

2. All descriptions include partially manufactured products. Partially manufactured garments include cut-to-shape fabric pieces for garments on which there has been any processing beyond cutting to shape and knit-to-shape pieces for garments, whether or not there has been any processing beyond the knitting to shape.

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

4. Unless otherwise indicated, products covered by restraints under these arrangements are those which are wholly or mainly by weight of cotton, wool, man-made fibres or blends thereof. Wholly or mainly means 50 percent or more.

Description of Product Categories

Clothing

1. Winter Outerwear Garments

Winter Outerwear Garments (commonly referred to as snowsuits, snowmobile suits, ski-suits, ski-pants, and snow-pants, and jackets, and similar jacket-type garments) that have an outer shell manufactured substantially by surface area with woven fabrics and
that are lined and designed to protect the wearer against cold, e.g., quilted linings, down or fibre filling, etc. but not plain acetate or viscose lining. Excluded are unlined outerwear; all coats three-quarter length or longer, that is, to the knee or below the knee; garments commonly known as squall jackets, windbreakers or similar jacket-type garments where there is no thermal insulation; and ski-pants and cross-country ski-suits which do not meet the above description (e.g. constructed entirely from knitted fabric).

Note: A unit comprises garments which have been designed to be sold as a set, e.g. matching or coordinated ski-jackets and ski-pants comprising a ski-suit will be counted as one unit if packed and shipped as a set. Vests are counted separately.

2. Trousers, Shorts, Overalls and Coveralls

Trousers, pants, slacks and jeans being garments which do not extend above the waist but extend to the knee or below. Included are jodhpurs, knickers, footless tights, gauchos.

Note: Men's and boys' garments in this item manufactured of fabric containing 5 per cent or more by weight of wool or hair are considered to be woolen garments.

Overalls and coveralls. 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. Outershorts. Shorts are garments similar to pants but not extending to the knees.

3. Shirts, Tailored Collar

Shirts with tailored collars, men's and boys', children's and infant's (sizes 4-6x) woven, being garments covering the upper part of the body normally worn next to the skin or directly over underwear and with a full or partial front opening which may include a zipper and may be designed to be worn either inside or outside of pants. Included are all men's and boys' shirts meeting this description whether exported separately or part of a set.
Note: A "tailored collar" consists of one or more pieces of material which are cut and sewn or cut and fused and designed with two pointed or rounded ends. The following may be used, when needed, in the construction: stays, lining, stiffening by any means.

4. **Shirts, Blouses, T-shirts, Sweatshirts**

Blouses and shirts, women's and girls', children's and infants', knitted or woven, being garments which may have a complete or partial front or back opening covering the upper part of the body, excluding underwear, jackets, T-shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters.

Shirts, men's and boys', children's and infants', other than with tailored collars, including full-fashioned collars. A full-fashioned collar consists of one piece knitted to shape collar. For a full description of "shirts" see also the description for Shirts, Tailored Collar, above.

T-shirts. T-shirts are knitted garments which may have collarless front openings or no front opening covering the upper part of the body of construction 19 or more vertical stitches per inch.

Sweatshirts, being garments at least one side of which is brushed or fleeced, covering the upper part of the body. Sweaters are not included.

Note: The definitions of T-shirt and sweatshirts for men and boys are subject to the over-riding definitions of men's and boys' shirts with tailored or full-fashioned collars.

5. **Sweaters, Pullovers and Cardigans**

Sweaters, pullovers, cardigans, (including knitted ponchos), being knitted or crocheted garments covering the upper part of the body and which may be of any length of construction, less than 19 vertical stitches per inch. Included are such items with coordinating or matching accessories, e.g. hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, booties, etc. A garment in this item when shipped with such coordinating or matching accessories will be considered a set and counted as one unit.
6. **Sleepwear and Bathrobes**

*Pyjamas and sleepwear*, being garments normally worn for sleeping.

*Bathrobes, dressing gowns and housecoats*, being garments other than sleepwear normally worn in privacy, including bed jackets and negligees.

7. **Dresses and Skirts**

*Dresses*, women's and girls', children's and infants'. Dresses are one-piece garments extended above the waist, including jumpers, evening gowns, dusters and house dresses (other than sleepwear).

*Skirts*, women's and girls', children's and infants'. Skirts are one-piece garments not extending above the waist including golf skirts, kilts (including men's and boys') and culottes (divided skirts).

8. **Sportswear (Suits, Coordinates, Athletic and Leisure Sets)**

*Suits and coordinates* are garments comprising two or three matched or coordinated pieces, covering both the upper and lower parts of the body, packed and shipped and sold as a set. Excluded are pieces which are Fine Suits, Winter Outerwear, Underwear, Sleepwear, Swimwear, Foundation Garments, Rainwear, Shirts Tailored-Collar.

*Coordinates or matching sets*, men's and boys', children's and infant's.

*Suits, coordinates, or matching sets, and blazers*, women's and girls', childrens and infants'.

*Miscellaneous Garments*, children's and infants' garments not meeting any of the descriptions relating to children's and infants' wear contained elsewhere in this Annex, including sunsuits, christening sets, pram sets, creepers, rompers, crawlers, diaper sets, sleepers, and blanket sleepers where the legs of the garments extend to completely encase the feet.

*Athletic Sets*. Suits normally worn for participation in athletic activities and not covered by any other definition in this Annex including leotards covering
9. **Underwear**

Underwear. Included are slips and bloomers.

**Note:** In the case of underwear sets, each piece is to be counted separately.

10. **Swimwear**

Swimwear, being garments normally worn for swimming and bathing. Included are bathing trunks and bathing suits.

**Note:** Garments fitting this description which consist of two (or more) pieces must be matched or coordinated, and packed and shipped as a unit, otherwise they are classified under the appropriate item elsewhere in this Annex as individual garments. Coordinated or matched sets comprising garments in addition to those described as meeting the criteria of this item, e.g. beachwear sets, are classified as sets and coordinates.

11. **Foundation Garments**

Foundation garments. Included are: Brassieres, girdles, corselettes, and panty girdles.

12. **Coats, Jackets and Rainwear**

Jackets. Jackets are outerwear garments covering the upper part of the body not extending to the knee, including woven ponchos, vests, boleros, but excluding garments covered elsewhere in this Annex.

Overcoats and topcoats, being outerwear garments extending to the knee or below excluding rainwear.

Professional and shop coats. Professional and shop coats are one-piece garments including barber coats, clinical coats, medical coats, laboratory coats, and surgical gowns.
Rainwear are garments of coated, impregnated or treated fabrics, normally worn to protect against rain (including rainsuits, sets, capes and ponchos).

13. Fine Suits

Fine suits, sportscoats and blazers, men's and boys'.

Note: The suit-jacket, sportscoat or blazers may include lapels, lining, shoulder padding, and front stiffening and would normally be worn over another outer-garment.

Note: A unit is either a jacket, sportscoat or a suit. A suit is a two-or-three piece garment consisting of matching or coordinated jacket/pants or jacket/vest/pants packed and shipped and sold as a set.

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14. Work Gloves, both finished and partially manufactured, that are wholly or mainly of textile fabrics, whether or not impregnated or coated including such gloves manufactured partly of leather.

Work Glove Liners, liners or shells wholly of textile fabrics which are neither impregnated or coated and without any other non-textile components, for incorporation in work gloves.

15. Hosiery, is knitted footwear for adults, children and infants. Excluded are men's and boys' woollen hosiery (over 50% of wool by weight) and ladies seamless or full fashioned full length hosiery and knee highs produced on machines of 400 needles or above and made from yarn of 30 denier or finer, and panty-hose.

16. Handbags, made of fabrics whether uncoated, coated or bonded containing natural or man-made fibres or blends of fibres, with a body area, excluding handles, between 258 to 1226 square centimetres, in the manufacture of which leather and plastic materials may be used as trim and finish but not a major component of the shell.

17. Household Textiles

Bedsheets, woven, including flannelette sheets.
Pillowcases, woven.

Bedding, other than bedsheets, and pillowcases.

Cotton terry towels, washcloths and sets containing 50 per cent or more by weight of cotton. Cotton terry towels, washcloths and sets are of fabrics woven on a terry loom using single or plied cotton (or blends thereof) yarns with loop pile on one or both sides covering the entire surface on either plain or patterned weave, whether greige, bleached, dyed or printed, including tea, hand, beach and bath towels and bath sheets, barmops and towel blanks.

Towels, other than cotton terry towels, wholly or mainly by weight of cotton, man-made fabrics or blends thereof.

18. Yarns

Cotton Yarn, comprises all yarns consisting of 100 per cent cotton fibres either combed or carded, in a state ready for further processing.

Acrylic Yarn. All types of yarns containing 50 per cent or more by weight of acrylic fibres.

Polyester Yarn, comprises all yarns consisting of 100 per cent polyester fibres or filaments or where polyester fibres represent either the chief value or 50% or more by weight.

Polyester/Cotton Yarn, comprises all yarns consisting of blended polyester and cotton fibres in which the combination of polyester and cotton fibres represent either the chief value or 50% or more by weight.

Rayon Yarn, spun or filament, where the total of rayon fibres in combination represent either the chief value or 50% or more by weight.

Nylon Yarn, spun or filament, where the total of nylon fibres in combination represent either the chief value or 50% or more by weight.

Mixed Fibre Yarns, spun or filament, containing 50% or more by weight of man-made fibre, nes.
Fabrics

Polyester Fabrics, are woven fabrics in which the warp is composed of filament flat or textured polyester yarn.

Polyester/Cotton Broadwoven Fabric, are fabrics made from blends of cotton and polyester fibres, where polyester fibres represent 50 per cent or more by weight.

Polyester Fabrics, nes.

Worsted Fabrics, are woven fabrics having 17% or more by weight of wool in which at least the warp is made from worsted spun yarn.

Wool Blend Fabrics, nes. 17% or more by weight of wool.

Nylon Fabrics, are fabrics in which the nylon fibre accounts for 50 per cent or more by weight or thread count or where the nylon fibres in combination with other fibres represents the chief value.

Nylon Fabric, nes.

Cotton Fabric, are woven fabrics wholly or mainly by weight of cotton and include the following:

- Duck and allied fabrics, including awning fabric, tent cloth and canvas
- Drill, twill and warp sateen including gabardine, and cord fabric
- Flannel, napped, bleached, unbleached and coloured including billiard cloth, blanket cloth and flannelette
- Denim and corduroy
- Pile fabric, n.e.s. including plush fabric, velour, velveteens, velvet and flocked fabrics
- Print cloth and sheeting
- Terry cloth
- Cotton fabric nes.
Broadwoven Fabrics, nes which include the following:
- Rayon
- Rayon/polyester
- Rayon blend nes
- Mixed fibre nes
- Broadwoven fabrics nes

20. Miscellaneous Textiles nes, which include the following:
- Vinyl and polyurethane coated fabrics,
- Cordage, rope and twine

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ANNEX III

Cottage Industry Products

1. The exemption provided for in paragraph 7 of the Memorandum of Understanding in respect of cottage industry products will apply only to the following products:

   a) handloom textile fabrics, containing not more than 50% by weight of man-made fibres, being fabrics woven on looms operated solely by hand or foot and of a kind traditionally made in the cottage industry;

   b) garments or other textile articles, of a kind traditionally made in the cottage industry, having been cut, sewn and embroidered, if applicable, solely by hand from handloom textile fabrics as described above without the aid of any machine; and

   c) traditional folklore and handicraft textile products made by hand in the cottage industry described in paragraph 3 below.

2. The exemption will apply only in respect of products covered by a certificate issued by the competent Philippine authorities conforming to the specimen in Annex IV. Such certificates will indicate the grounds on which exemption is based.

3. The following are traditional Philippine products of the cottage industry as provided for in paragraph 1 above:

   a) Batik and Hablon fabrics - hand-woven fabrics of the cottage industry;

   b) Banaue and Muslim cloth - traditional handloom fabrics in multicolors;

   c) Other hand-woven and handloom fabrics of the cottage industry and textile articles made of handloom fabrics;

   d) Garments made from hand-woven and handloom fabrics which involve ethnic designs or are heavily crocheted or hand-embroidered;
e) Hand-crocheted or hand-embroidered garments, shawls, hats and accessories, including the "catsa group" type garments (heavily hand-crocheted and hand-embroidered work in combination with coarse greige or dyed cotton fabric of batik fabric).

f) National costumes; and

g) Hand-plied or braided and hand-tied macramé handicraft articles.

4. Additional items may be subsequently added to the list by mutual agreement.