ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement
between Canada and Poland

Attached is a notification received from Canada of an amendment of its agreement with Poland. The restraint level for tailored collar shirts was raised substantially effective 1 January 1989 to 31 December 1991.¹

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1411.
Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

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 an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Canada and the Government of Poland relating to the export from Poland of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada effective from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1991.

The modification of the MOU provides for the liberalization of a restraint on Polish shipments of tailored-collar shirts to Canada at an annual level of 100,000 units for the period commencing January 1, 1989 and ending December 31, 1991.

The arrangement already contains a flexibility provision which allows swing of 5 per cent, carry-over and carry-forward at 10 per cent and 5 per cent respectively, with a combined, maximum flexibility of 12 per cent. Annual growth remains at 3 per cent.
The Government of Canada believes this arrangement to be in conformity with the provisions of the MFA and to its Protocol of Extension and, as such, in keeping with the gradual liberalization of the Canadian import programme on textiles and clothing.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Kalinowski:

I refer to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Poland relating to the export from Poland of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU), and to the proposal contained in your letter of August 16, 1988, for an increase in the restraint level for Category 2 (tailored-collar shirts) to 100,000 units.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada accepts the above-mentioned proposal. The Polish authorities will therefore restrain, effective January 1, 1989, exports from Poland of tailored-collar shirts to Canada at a level of 100,000 units for the period January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989. The restraints for 1989 will be accorded annual growth of 3% in 1990 and 1991. The provision for swing (MOU paragraph 15) shall be 5%, carry-over/carry-forward (MOU paragraphs 16-19) 10%/5% and combined flexibility (MOU paragraph 20) 12%. Swing, in accordance with MOU paragraph 15, will be based on the appropriate conversion factor of 1.8 square metres per unit.

I would further propose that, if this arrangement is acceptable to the Polish authorities, this letter and the letter of reply from the Government of Poland confirming its acceptance of the proposal constitute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding to this effect.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Valle,

I refer to your letter of September 12, 1986 containing the Canadian Government’s acceptance of our proposal for increasing up to 100,000 units the restraint level of tailored collar shirts in Category 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Poland relating to the export from Poland of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada /MOU/.

I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Government of Poland the above mentioned arrangement containing the following statements proposed in your letter:

The Polish authorities will restrain, effective January 1, 1989, exports from Poland of tailored-collar shirts to Canada at a level of 100,000 units for the period January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989. The restraints for 1989 will be accorded annual growth of 3% in 1990 and 1991. The provision for swing /MOU paragraph 15/ shall be 5%, carry-over/carry-forward /MOU paragraphs 16-19/ 10%/5% and combined flexibility /MOU paragraph 20/ 12%. Swing, in accordance with MOU paragraph 15 will be based on the appropriate conversion factor of 1.8 square metres per unit.

I also accept your proposal to concern both our letters as an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and Poland.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation I remain,

Sincerely yours

Dariusz Kalinowski
Trade Commissioner

Montreal, Quebec October 3, 1986.