ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Restraints maintained by Canada on certain imports from the United Arab Emirates

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of amendments to the restraint levels on textile and clothing imports from the United Arab Emirates for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.

1Previous restraints maintained by Canada on imports from the United Arab Emirates are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1572 and 1614.

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Chairman  
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SUISSE

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to (i) Articles 7 & 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973; (ii) the Protocol extending the MFA, done at Geneva on July 31, 1986; and (iii) the Protocol Maintaining in Force the MFA, done at Geneva on July 31, 1991, I have the honour to notify you of amendments to the existing restraints on textile and clothing products exported from the United Arab Emirates for import into Canada. A copy of the relevant diplomatic note is attached.

Exports to Canada of the relevant United Arab Emirates products are subject to restraint through December 31, 1992.

Yours sincerely,

John F. Don

Counsellor
THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO ADVISE THE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OF THE 1992 RESTRAINT LEVELS FOR IMPORTS OF CLOTHING AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO CANADA. RESTRAINT LEVELS FOR BEDSHEETS AND PILLOWCASES WILL REMAIN AT 1991 LEVELS; QUOTAS FOR OTHER RESTRAINED ITEMS WILL BE ADJUSTED DOWNWARD FOR 1992. IN ADDITION, RESTRAINTS WILL BE EXTENDED TO IMPORTS OF SPORTSWEAR, COTTON TERRY TOWELS AND SWEATERS.

3. THE DECISION BY THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES TO PLACE NEW ITEMS UNDER RESTRAINT AND TO ADJUST CERTAIN OTHER QUOTAS IS A RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS. 1) THE QUOTA LEVELS IN 1990 AND 1991 WERE SET AT INITIALLY HIGH LEVELS...2
IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE OUTSTANDING ORDERS AT
THE TIME AND THUS AVOID DISRUPTION TO THE TRADE; 2) THE
NEW QUOTAS FOR 1992 REFLECT THE WEAK STATE OF THE
CANADIAN MARKET FOR TEXTILE AND CLOTHING PRODUCTS AND THE
SEVERE IMPACT WHICH THIS MARKET DOWNTURN, COMBINED WITH
IMPORT PRESSURES, IS HAVING ON THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES;
3) THE INITIAL RESTRAINTS ON IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED
ARAB EMIRATES IN A OF NUMBER CLOTHING AND TEXTILE
CATEGORIES WERE SET AT LEVELS WHICH EXCEEDED THOSE
NEGOTIATED BY CANADA WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS UNDER THE
MULTI-FIBRE AGREEMENT (MFA). THE MFA ENJOIN ITS MEMBERS
NOT TO TREAT A NON-SIGNATORY MORE FAVOURABLY THAN ITS
BILATERAL PARTNERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MFA. IT SHOULD
BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN THE REDUCED 1992 RESTRAINT
LEVELS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN MAINTAINED AT LEVELS EQUAL TO
OR HIGHER THAN ACTUAL 1991 IMPORT LEVELS AND WILL
THEREFORE PROVIDE FOR A CONTINUITY OF EXISTING TRADE.
4. THE 1992 QUOTA LEVELS WILL BE ALLOCATED BY CANADIAN
AUTHORITIES TO CANADIAN IMPORTERS BASED ON THEIR
RESPECTIVE QUOTA ENTITLEMENTS IN 1991. FOR THE NEW
RESTRAINT ITEMS, QUOTAS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON THE BASIS OF
IMPORTERS' PERFORMANCE IN 1991. THE QUOTA LEVELS FOR
1992 ARE INDICATED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS NOTE.
5. THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO EXAMINE CASES
OF HARDSHIP EXPERIENCED BY INDIVIDUAL IMPORTERS IN CANADA
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AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE 1992 RESTRAINT LEVELS.

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