Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between Canada and India

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with India. A restraint has been agreed on winter outerwear for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992. An initial measure on this product had been subject to a TSB review under Article 11:4.

1 The bilateral agreement, amendments and extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1414, 1683 and 1751.

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5 October, 1992

Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
Centre William Rappard
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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Further to my letter of 8 May, 1992, conveying the amendment and extension of the Canada/India Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the period 1 January 1992 through 31 December 1992 (ref. p.2, COM.TEX/SB/1771, 7 August 1992), and to the recommendation of the Textiles Surveillance Body at its first meeting of 1992 (ref. p.5, COM.TEX/SB/1688, 23 March 1992), I have the honour to notify you the Governments of Canada and India have agreed to amend their bilateral MOU via the inclusion of a restraint level for winter outerwear in Annex 1 of the MOU. The relevant exchange of diplomatic notes is attached.

Yours sincerely,

John F. Donaghy
Counsellor
The Ministry of Textiles presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and has the honour to refer to their note No. 271 dated the 21st July, 1992 regarding Indo-Canadian Consultations held in June 1992 in Ottawa on restraints on Exports of Winter Outerwear Consignments from India to Canada which reads as follows:-

"The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs.

The Canadian Authorities wish to refer to the agreed records of 12th June, 1992 regarding consultations on restraints on exports winter outerwear from India to Canada. The Canadian Authorities wish to confirm their acceptance of this agreed record. In consequence, winter outerwear will be included as item 8/8 in Annex I/I of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India relating to the export from India of certain textile and textile products for import into Canada. The restraint level for the period of 01 January 1992 to 31 December 1992 will be 537,028/537,028 units. The annual growth rate will be 6/6%, swing will be 7/7%, carry-over/carry forward will be 10/10% and 5/5% respectively, combined flexibility will be 17/17%. The conversion factor will be 3.5/3.5 square meter per unit.

The Canadian Authorities propose that this note, together with the reply from Indian Authorities confirming their acceptance give effect to this arrangement.

The Canadian High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of External Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration."

The Ministry of Textiles hereby confirms that the contents of the above note are acceptable to this Ministry.

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Canadian High Commission,
Shantipath, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi.
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Agreed Record of Discussions

1. Delegations of the Government of Canada and of the Government of India met on June 9-12, 1992, in Ottawa, (a) pursuant to the recommendation of the Textiles Surveillance Body at its meeting of January 23-24, 1992, regarding the unilateral imposition of restraints by Canada on imports of winter outerwear from India and pursuant to their discussions in Delhi, February 10-11, 1992; and (b) to discuss the conversion of the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and India relating to the export from India of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada ("the MOU"), to an arrangement based on the Harmonized System ("the HS").

2. The two delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities that they agree to a restraint level for winter outerwear of 537,028 units for 1992.

3. The two delegations had a full exchange of views on the HS conversion. The Canadian delegation provided documents including HS-based versions of Annexes I and II of the MOU. The Indian delegation indicated that it would examine the documents and communicate its views to the Canadian authorities.

Ottawa, Canada

June 12, 1992