ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension with modifications of the agreement between
Canada and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an extension with modifications of its agreement with Thailand for the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1995.¹

¹The bilateral agreement, previous amendments and extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1380, 1753, 1757 and 1844.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

Pursuant to Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA), done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, and to its 1986, 1991, 1992 and 1993 Protocols of Extension and Maintenance in Force, I have the honour to advise you of the extension with modifications of the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canada and Thailand.

As a result of consultations in October, 1993, Canada and Thailand agreed to extend the validity of this Agreement until 31 December 1995. In this extension, the product coverage remained unchanged. Growth rates for 1994 and 1995 were set at 6% for all categories; in addition the base levels for two categories were increased by more than the growth rate. Swing was set at 7% for all categories.

Attached please find copy of the October 1993 Agreed Record of Discussions extending this Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Saint-Jacques
Counsellor

2. The two delegations agreed that in the event that the MFA is extended without change beyond its current expiry date of 31 December, 1993, the MOU, subject to respective government approval, will be extended without change until 31 December, 1995. The extension is without prejudice to any changes that may be required to be implemented as a result of the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round or as the result of the extension of the MFA. In the event that the MFA is extended with changes, either party reserves the right to request consultations relating to the extension of the MOU.

3. The two delegations agreed to modify Annex I of the MOU as follows: For all categories in Groups I and II, with the exception of categories 34 and 34a, 1994 base levels will be 1993 levels plus 6 percent; swing will be 7 percent; and growth rates will be 6 percent for all categories from 1994 to 1995. It was also agreed that 1994 level for category 34 shall be 132,986 kgm and the sub-limit for category 34a shall be 51,066 kgm. In addition, it was agreed that the conversion factor for categories 7/8a and 7/8b shall be 1.7.

For the Government of Canada

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Bangkok, Thailand
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