

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/1898\*

22 May 1992

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4

#### Extension of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Sri Lanka

#### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of an extension of its agreement with Sri Lanka for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1410 and 1687.

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**Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:**

Further to my note of 30 December, 1991, and pursuant to (i) Article 4 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 that, through bilateral negotiations, an extension to the existing Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between the Governments of Canada and the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka. The relevant exchange of diplomatic notes is attached.

Exports to Canada of Sri Lankan products covered by the Memorandum of Understanding are subject to restraint through December 31, 1992. Otherwise, the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, including those relative to growth rates and flexibility, remain unchanged.

This extension is without prejudice to any agreement which may be reached as a result of the current Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

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Yours sincerely,

John F. Donaghy  
Counsellor



Canadian High Commission



Haut Commissariat du Canada

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NOTE NO. 93

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and would like to refer to its Note No: EA/TEX/2 of October 11, 1991 confirming the one year extension until December 31, 1992 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sri Lanka and Canada related to the export from Sri Lanka of certain textile and textile products for import into Canada dated January 1, 1987.

The Canadian authorities are appreciative of the fact that an agreement respecting the extension of the MOU has been reached. They wish to advise, however, that Canada cannot accede to the request for increasing growth rates. Canada has maintained its position with its trading partners of a straight roll-over of the existing terms of all its bilateral textile and clothing MOUs. Under the circumstances and in light of current conditions in the Canadian textile and clothing industry, an exception to Canada's general position would create further hardship.

The Canadian High Commission avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the assurances of its highest consideration.

COLOMBO

October 18, 1991.



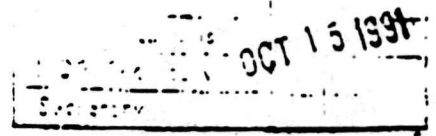




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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission, and has the honour to refer to the Ministry's Note No: EA/TEX/2 of 16 September, 1991 on the subject of the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the export from Sri Lanka of certain Textiles and Textile Products for import into Canada.

The Ministry wishes to inform the High Commission that it has been decided to agree to a one year extension of the above Memorandum of Understanding. However, the Sri Lankan authorities would wish to request the Canadian authorities to consider an improvement of the current terms and conditions in the Memorandum of Understanding in particular, an increase in growth rates to 12%.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of Canada, the assurances of its high consideration.

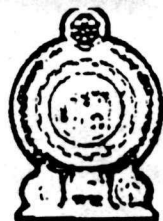


Colombo, 15 October 1991.  
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Note No: EA/TEX/2

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and has the honour to refer to the High Commission's Note No: 80 of 12th September, 1991 on the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the export from Sri Lanka of certain textiles and textile products into Canada.

The Ministry wishes to inform the High Commission that the matter is under consideration and that a reply will be sent as soon as possible.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Colombo, 16th September, 1991.

Canadian High Commission,  
Colombo.

Copies to: Director/Commerce,  
Secretary/Textile Industries.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Colombo, Sri Lanka





Canadian High Commission

Ambassade du Canada

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NOTE NO. 80

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka and would like to refer to its Note No. 0397 dated July 22, 1991 concerning the extension of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated January 1, 1987 between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka related to the export from Sri Lanka of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada.

In the absence of a reply to the abovementioned note, Canadian authorities have again requested clarification of the position of Sri Lankan authorities: whether Note No. EA/TEX/2 dated April 30, 1991 conveying agreement to the extension of the MOU until December 31, 1992 is still valid, or whether this note has been rescinded with Note No. EA/TEX/2 dated June 20, 1991.

The Ministry's reply is now urgently awaited particularly in light of the fact that on July 31, 1991 the GATT Textiles Committee agreed to extend the Multi Fibres Arrangement without changes to December 31, 1992.



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The Canadian High Commission avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the assurances of its high consideration.

COLOMBO

September 12, 1991.



