

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Articles 7 and 8

#### Extension of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Vietnam

#### Note by the Chairman

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

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1240.

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**The Permanent Mission of Canada  
to the United Nations**



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8 May, 1992

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

Further to my note of 30 December, 1991, and 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 that, through bilateral negotiations, an extension to the existing Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between the Governments of Canada and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The relevant exchange of diplomatic notes is attached.

Exports to Canada of Vietnamese 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.

As noted in the exchange of diplomatic notes, this extension is without prejudice to any agreement which may be reached as a result of the current Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

  
John F. Donaghy,  
Counsellor

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ATTN. MR. BERTRAND DESJARDINS  
COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR  
CANADIAN EMBASSY - BANGKOK.

REFERRING YOUR NOTE NO 113 DATED 18 MAR WE WISH TO INFORM  
VIETNAM AUTHORITIES AGREED TO PROPOSED EXTENSION TO MOU 7/86 - UNTIL  
31 DEC 1992 STOP. EXTENSION WOULD APPLY TO ALL TERMS / CONDITIONS  
CONTAINED THEREIN INCLUDING GROWTH RATES AND FLEXIBILITY  
PROVISIONS STOP. OUR NOTE SOON FOLLOWS. REGARDS

NGUYEN DINH LUONG  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
TRADE POLICY DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

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Canadian Embassy



Ambassade du Canada

Note No. 114

The Canadian Embassy presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to enclose a note for the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The note concerns the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Vietnam.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

BANGKOK, March 18, 1991



Canadian Embassy



Ambassade du Canada

Note No. 113

The Canadian Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to refer to the Uruguay Round of Negotiations on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Vietnam relating to the export from Vietnam of certain textiles and textile products (MOU).

Given the decision to extend the Uruguay Round, it appears likely that negotiations will extend beyond the expiry on July 31, 1991 of the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (MFA). No deadline for these negotiations has been set, but it is likely that this extension, combined with the time necessary for implementation of the results, would take us beyond the December 31, 1991 expiry of our current MOU.

The prolongation of the Uruguay Round Negotiations, the expiry of the MFA on July 31, 1991, and the expiry of the current MOU at the end of this year will cause considerable uncertainty in the textile and clothing industries in both Canada and Vietnam. Orders will soon be placed for delivery in 1992. Given this uncertainty in both countries and the need to maintain protection for the domestic textile industry in Canada, Canadian authorities propose that the MOU governing our bilateral textile trade be extended for a period of one year, until December 31, 1992. The extension envisaged by Canadian authorities would apply to all terms and conditions contained in our current MOU, including growth rates and flexibility provisions. The extension would be without prejudice to any changes which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round governing textile trade beyond 1991.

Canadian authorities would appreciate an early response to this proposal so that they can reflect on any other measures which may be necessary to ensure protection for the Canadian industry until the results of a successful Uruguay Round are implemented.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

BANGKOK, March 18, 1991

