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Notification under Article 3:6

Extension of interim action by Canada with respect
to imports from Jamaica

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from Canada of an extension of its interim action taken with respect to imports of underwear from Jamaica. The extension resulted from the need to reschedule bilateral consultations.

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Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

I am writing to you concerning Canada's Article 3 action vis-a-vis exports of T-shirts and underwear from Jamaica for import into Canada. In this regard, I am enclosing copy of a diplomatic note that was delivered to the Jamaican authorities in Kingston on September 30, 1993. You will note from this communication that the interim restraint arrangement relative to underwear is being continued through to November 30, 1993, in order to allow an opportunity for the necessary consultations to take place. The restraint level has been prorated to correspond to the extended period.

I am informed that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the consultations that were originally scheduled to take place in Kingston in September have had to be re-scheduled and will now take place on November 15-16 in Kingston.

Yours sincerely,


Jean Saint-Jacques
Counsellor

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The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica and has the honour to refer to its note No. 5639 of August 3, 1993 regarding consultations under Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) concerning exports from Jamaica of T-shirts and underwear.

In light of the delay in concluding these consultations, the Canadian authorities in their Note No. 5639 advised the Jamaican authorities that they would be restraining imports of underwear from Jamaica to September 30, 1993 at a level of 395,458 units. As of September 29, permits have been issued for 321,215 units, or 81 per cent of the interim level.

In light of the continued market disruption being caused by imports of underwear which originates in Jamaica, and in order to provide stability to trade until these consults can be completed, Canadian authorities will be extending the interim restraint for the period May 15 to November 30, 1993 at a level of 758,900 units.

Although at this time Canada is taking this action in the case of underwear only, Canada continues to reserve its rights with regard to T-shirts.

Canadian authorities propose also that the consultation period provided for in Article 3:5(1) of the MFA be extended to November 30, 1993.

The Canadian High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica the assurances of its highest consideration.

KINGSTON, September 30, 1993