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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification to the Bilateral Agreement
between Canada and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada concerning modifications to the bilateral agreement with Singapore.¹

¹The original bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/845.

^{*}English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente.

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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

I have the honour to forward to you the attached notification to the Textiles Surveillance Body of a modification of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Singapore relating to the export from Singapore of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada.

Yours sincerely,

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J.L. MacNeil
Minister

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Short Reasoned Statement to accompany the notification to the Textile Surveillance Body of a modification of the provisions of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Singapore relating to the export from Singapore of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada

With reference to paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the MFA), done at Geneva on December 2, 1973, and to the Protocol extending the MFA, done at Geneva, December 22, 1981, I have the honour to notify the Textile Surveillance Body of two amendments to the provisions of the current restraint arrangement concluded between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Singapore. The amendments provide for the inclusion of hosiery, as of January 1, 1984, under the coverage of the current arrangement and for a modification of the acrylic yarns definition contained in Annex II of the Memorandum of Understanding to include yarns composed entirely of fibres not exceeding 6.35 cm in length.

These modifications agreed upon by the two Governments in September 1983, take into consideration the circumstances currently affecting the Canadian textile market and the position of Singapore as an emerging supplier to that market. The textile products subject to the modifications fall within the scope of the MFA. The 1984 base level applicable to hosiery was established taking into consideration historical trading patterns and other provisions contained in Article 4 of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension.

In line with the MFA guidelines, the amendments contain provisions for annual growth rates applicable to the concerned restraint levels which were established at 6 percent. The flexibility provisions allow for a carry-over/ borrow-forward of 11 percent; the sub-limit for borrow-forward being 6 percent.

The Government of Canada believes these modifications in conformity with the provisions of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension and, as such, in keeping with the gradual liberalization of the Canadian import programme on clothing and textiles.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.



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Dear Mr Stuart

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 Sep 83 which reads as follows:

"I have the honour to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Singapore relating to the export from Singapore of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada and to the consultations held in Singapore on 1-2 Sep 1983. The Canadian authorities wish to propose that the Government of Singapore restrain its export of hosiery as defined in the attached, to Canada for 3 years commencing on 1 Jan 1984 and ending 31 Dec 1986. The restraint levels are as follows:

1984	-	1,500,000 pairs
1985	-	1,590,000 pairs
1986	-	1,685,400 pairs

The item would be classified as item 10 of Group B in Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding. The provision for swing, carry over/carry forward and combined flexibilities for hosiery and acrylic yarn would be the same as those items in Group A. The conversion factor for hosiery is 0.05 kg/pair.

With respect to the remainder of 1983 calendar year, it is proposed that any quantities of hosiery exported from Singapore to Canada in the period 1 Sep to 31 Dec 1983 exceeding the level of 500,000 pairs be deducted from the 1984 restraint level, any such quantities to be determined on the basis of Canadian statistics to be provided by 1 Mar 1984.

The Canadian authorities would further propose that the definition of acrylic yarns, as in Annex II of the Memorandum of Understanding, be amended as follows:

"Acrylic yarns include all types of machines and hand knitting yarns containing 50% or more of acrylic fibre."

If the above proposals are acceptable to you, this letter and your letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between our governments."

I confirm that the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of Singapore. Your letter and this letter shall constitute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between our Governments.

Yours sincerely



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"Hosiery is knitted footwear for adults, children and infants.
Excluded are men's and boys' woollen hosiery (over 50% of wool by
weight) and ladies' seamless or full fashioned full length hosiery
and knee highs produced on machines of 400 needles or above and made
from yarn of 30 denier or finer, and pantyhose."

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