

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE SEVENTH MEETING (1993)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its seventh meeting of 1993 on 14 and 15 September.
2. Canada appointed Mr. Jean Saint-Jacques to succeed Mr. Donaghy as member; Mr. Saint-Jacques appointed Mr. Potocnik as his alternate.
3. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Abdel-Fattah, Fujioka, Lee, Luotonen/Wentzel, Prates, Prince, Ms. Rosa/Mr. Wang, Messrs. Saint-Jacques, Shepherd, Suboh/Sophastienphong.
4. The report of the sixth meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1872.

Notifications under Article 3:5

United States/Costa Rica

5. In response to the TSB's invitation,² Costa Rica requested the Body to defer the examination of the unilateral measure taken by the United States under Article 3:5 on Category 447 (Men's and boys' wool suits). The United States was in agreement with the request. The TSB agreed to defer its examination of the case on the understanding that it might revert to the matter at the request of either party, or on its own initiative.

¹Two hundred and eighty-first meeting overall.

²See COM.TEX/SB/1872.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

Notification under Article 3:6

Canada/Jamaica

6. Further to the notification received at its last meeting,³ the TSB received a notification from Canada that consultations with Jamaica had been delayed and that the interim measure taken under Article 3:6 on imports of underwear had been extended to 30 September 1993 to allow an opportunity for the necessary consultations to take place.

7. The TSB was also informed that bilateral consultations had been scheduled for the last week of September. The Body took note of the information and requested Canada to report on the results of the consultations.

Notifications under Article 4

Canada/Indonesia

8. The TSB received a notification from Canada of an extension and amendment of its agreement with Indonesia for the period 1 January to 31 December 1993.

9. Under this extension and amendment:

- a. the product coverage remained unchanged;
- b. the categories were adjusted to the HS-based system, resulting in the creation of a new category, placed under restraint;
- c. the 1993 base levels took into account the product migration resulting from the new categorization;
- d. the growth rate remained unchanged at 6 per cent for all categories;

³See COM.TEX/SB/1872.

- e. swing, at 5 per cent for one category and at 6 or 7 per cent for the other categories, was higher than before in all but two cases; the new category created under the HS-system was provided swing of 6 per cent;
- f. carryover/carry forward, previously at 7 and 5 per cent, were modified to 7/5 per cent for one category and 8/5 per cent for all other categories;
- g. the cumulative use of flexibility remained unchanged at 15 per cent for one category, but was increased to 17 per cent for all other categories.

10. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1874).

Canada/Macau

11. The TSB received a notification from Canada of an extension and amendment of its agreement with Macau. The agreement was extended for the period 1 January to 31 December 1993.

12. The product categories were adjusted, with effect from 1 January 1992, to the new HS-based categorization.

13. The 1993 restraint levels were increased in relation to the 1992 levels by the applicable growth rate of 6 per cent. The flexibility provisions, with swing, carryover/carry forward and their cumulative use at 6, 11/6 and 15 per cent respectively, remained unchanged.

14. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1875)

Canada/Pakistan

15. The TSB received a notification from Canada of an extension and amendment of its agreement with Pakistan for the period 1 January to 31 December 1993.

16. Under this extension, as amended:

- a. the product categories were adapted to the HS-based system;

- b. a clothing category was newly brought under restraint;
- c. the 1993 base levels for the previously restrained categories were adjusted to take account of product migration resulting from the new categorization; for the category newly placed under restraint the base level was higher than the rollback level;
- d. the growth rates, between 6 and 8 per cent, remained unchanged; for the new restraint the growth rate was set at 6 per cent;
- e. swing continued to be available at 7 per cent, with no swing between the clothing and textile categories;
- f. carryover/carry forward at 11/6 per cent and the cumulative use of flexibility set at 16 per cent, remained unchanged.

17. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1876)

EEC/Pakistan, Canada/Hungary, Canada/Philippines

18. The TSB began its review of notifications of the extension with amendments of the agreement between the EEC and Pakistan and of the extensions of Canada's agreements with Hungary and the Philippines.

Notifications under Articles 7 and 8

19. In accordance with the request by the Textiles Committee, the TSB received two notifications concerning agreements with non-participants and agreed to forward them to participating countries for their information. These notifications were:

- a. an extension with modification of the agreement between Canada and Mauritius for the period 1 January to 31 December 1993; (COM.TEX/SB/1877) and

- b. an agreement concluded between the United States and Bahrain for the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1995. (COM.TEX/SB/1878)