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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification received under Article 3

Agreement between Canada and Singapore

The TSB has received from the Government of Canada a notification of an agreement between Canada and Singapore concerning trade in certain textile items. This agreement has been notified by Canada under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement.

The TSB has examined the relevant documentation¹, and has concluded that the evidence provided did not permit it to determine that this agreement was in conformity with the provisions of the Article under which it was notified, i.e. Article 3, paragraph 4. Since, however, such an agreement between the parties concerned already existed in 1973, the TSB considered this new agreement as being in conformity with the provisions of the Arrangement, particularly with those of Article 4, bearing in mind the terms of Article 2.

The Canadian representative noted that at the time this agreement was negotiated the Governments of Canada and Singapore considered that it was of the kind envisaged by Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles. Meantime, the situation in Canada had changed during 1974 so that if the Canada/Singapore arrangement were to be established at the present time, in the view of his authorities it would no longer fall under Article 3.

The Canadian authorities had taken note of the views of the TSB, and welcomed the constructive approach that the TSB has been developing during its reviews of restraint arrangements reported to it. However, since the agreement was, in effect, not restricting Singapore exports, since there were only about six weeks until its termination date, and the need for a further renewal of the arrangement in 1975 appeared unlikely, the Canadian authorities considered that no further action in respect of this agreement was required.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.

¹In reviewing the notification, the TSB had before it the supporting evidence for the restraints negotiated which was provided by Canada.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the agreement which has been reached between the Governments of Canada and the Republic of Singapore regarding the restraints to be applied by the Government of Singapore to exports to Canada of cotton, polyester and polyester/cotton trousers including slacks, shorts and jeans:

- (a) This arrangement relates to the twelve-month period ending 31 December 1974;
- (b) The annual restraint will be established at 71,200 dozen;
- (c) The Governments of Canada and the Republic of Singapore agree that the amount by which exports of trousers in 1973 fell short of the restraint for that period, may be carried over into 1974 up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the 1973 restraint level;
- (d) The Governments of Canada and the Republic of Singapore will provide each other on request with any available statistical data relevant to this arrangement; and
- (e) The Governments of Canada and the Republic of Singapore will enter into consultations on request about any matter arising from or related to this arrangement.

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