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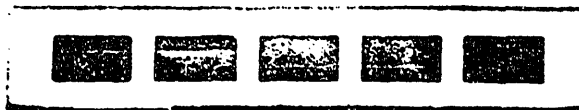
Addendum

The following communication from the delegation of Canada is circulated for the information of the contracting parties.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada has decided to suspend the general preferential tariff on rubber footwear, classified under tariff item 61700-1, and to reinstate effective 28 August 1975 the 20 per cent most-favoured-nation tariff on imports of rubber footwear from countries other than Commonwealth countries.

I would also like to inform you that, with respect to this decision, the imports from Commonwealth countries will continue to be allowed duty-free entry under the British preferential tariff and that the rubber footwear imported or in transit on or before 27 August will not be affected. The Canadian Government also decided to maintain the 16½ per cent general preferential tariff rate on canvas shoes with rubber soles classified under tariff item 61110-1. The general preferential tariff on rubber footwear was being withdrawn at the request of the Canadian producers who "have established to the satisfaction of the Government that the duty-free entry of imports from general preferential tariff beneficiaries have resulted in a considerable loss of orders for them, thus causing a loss of employment and a significant injury to them".

The manufacturers have undertaken to develop, before 1 July 1976, definite plans for restructuring and rationalizing their operations so as to improve their competitiveness. The general preferential tariff will be then restored, if, on that date, it appears that there is little likelihood that a viable rubber footwear industry can be sustained in Canada.



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