

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Modifications to the Bilateral Agreement between Canada and Singapore

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Canada a notification of modifications to its bilateral agreement with Singapore, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. In these modifications restraints have been agreed on hosiery and a product description has been modified.<sup>1</sup>

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4<sup>2</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

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

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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2 Sep 83

Mr Campbell Stuart  
Director-General  
Special Trade Relations Bureau  
Department of External Affairs

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



LIM KIM KUAY  
DIRECTOR  
TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

"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."