

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Modification of the Bilateral Agreement between Canada and Singapore

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Canada of a further modification to its bilateral agreement with Singapore, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA.<sup>1</sup> This modification provides for the establishment of a restraint on Singapore's shipments of underwear to Canada for the period 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1986.

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 bilateral agreement and a subsequent modification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/845 and 956

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

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No. 403

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to consultations which were held in Singapore on 13-14 August 1984 between representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government of Singapore concerning a Canadian request to restrain Singapore exports of underwear to Canada.

Canadian authorities wish to refer to the final Canadian restraint proposal which called for a level of 520,000 units (1984 annual basis) and to the final Singapore proposal of 600,000 units (1984 annual basis). The two sides agreed to annual growth rates of 6 per cent for each of 1985 and 1986, flexibility provisions identical to the other items contained in the Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries for trade in textiles and clothing, and a conversion factor of 0.5m<sup>2</sup>/unit.

Further to the Canadian commitment made at the conclusion of the consultations in Singapore to review respective proposals with Canadian Ministers, the Canadian High Commission wishes to inform the Singapore authorities that, having given the matter careful consideration, the Canadian Government is now prepared to agree to the Singapore proposal. Accordingly, the restraint provisions for underwear from Singapore would be as follows:

<u>Restraint Level</u> (1985 basis)	<u>Growth</u>	<u>Swing</u>	<u>Carryover Borrow Forward</u>	<u>Combined Flexibility</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>
636,000	6%	7%	11%/6%	15%	0.5m <sup>2</sup> /unit

Canadian authorities propose that these provisions come into effect for the period 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1986 and that this note and the response confirming Singapore acceptance constitute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for trade in textiles and clothing between the two countries.

The Canadian High Commission would be grateful if the contents of this note could be passed to Mr. Lim Kim Kuay, Director, Trade Development Board.

The Canadian High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Singapore  
14 January 1985

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and has the honour to refer to the consultations held in Singapore on 13-14 August 1984 between representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government of Singapore concerning a Canadian request to restrain Singapore's export of underwear to Canada. The Ministry has also the honour to refer to the Canadian High Commissions Note No. 403 of 14 January 1985.

The Ministry is pleased to inform that the Singapore authorities confirm acceptance of the restraint level for underwear (product item No. 11) as follows:

<u>Agreement Year</u>	<u>Restraint Level</u>	<u>Growth</u>	<u>Swing</u>	<u>Carryover/ Carry Forward</u>	<u>Combined Flexibility</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>
1985	636,000	6%	7%	11%/6%	15%	0.5m <sup>2</sup> per unit
1986	674,160	6%	7%	11%/6%	15%	0.5m <sup>2</sup> per unit

While the Singapore authorities agree that the restraint provision comes into effect on 1 January 1985, they require a grace period to notify the Singapore manufacturers and exporters of the new restraint provision. The Singapore authorities therefore request the Canadian authorities to facilitate import clearance of shipments of underwear of Singapore origin to Canada shipped between 1 January and 14 February 1985. All shipments of underwear to Canada leaving Singapore on and after 15 February 1985 will be covered by the Export Certificate as required under paragraph 10 of the Memorandum of Understanding for trade in textiles and clothing between Singapore and Canada. The Singapore authorities further request the Canadian authorities for a listing of import authorization of underwear for the period 1 January to 14 February 1985 for their reference.

The Ministry confirms that this note and the Canadian High Commission's Note No. 403 constitute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for trade in textiles and clothing between the two countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Singapore, 1 February 1985