

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between Canada and Malaysia

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Canada of a further amendment to its bilateral agreement with Malaysia, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. The parties agreed to convert the consultation levels on acrylic yarn and on shirts and blouses (WGCI) into specific limits for the agreement years 1983 to 1986.<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 bilateral agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/840, 1040 and 1101

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

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CANADA/MALAYSIA TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Delegations representing the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Canada met on 15 and 16 June 1983 in Kuala Lumpur to discuss the export of acrylic yarn from Malaysia to Canada in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 31 to 34 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Malaysia relating to the export from Malaysia of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada.
2. During the discussions, the Malaysian and Canadian delegations agreed that Item 4 of Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding, acrylic yarn, should be converted from a consultation level to specific restraint levels for the four years 1983 to 1986. The two delegations agreed that the restraint level for the calendar year 1983 will be 208,176 kgs. And that the restraint levels for the three subsequent restraint periods (1984 to 1986) will be advanced on an annual basis by a growth rate of 6 per cent. The provisions for carryover/carry forward will be 11 per cent of which carry forward will not represent more than 6 per cent.
3. The Canadian and Malaysian delegations agreed that the definition of acrylic yarns (Item 4) which is described in Annex II of the Memorandum of Understanding, will be changed to read: "Acrylic yarns include all types of yarns containing 50 per cent or more by weight of acrylic fibres."
4. The Canadian and Malaysian delegations also discussed the export of blouses and shirts (Memorandum of Understanding Item 2 of Annex I) from Malaysia to Canada in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 29 and 30 of the Memorandum of Understanding. The two delegations agreed that Item 2 of Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding, blouses and shirts, should be converted from a consultation level to specific restraint levels for the four years 1983 to 1986. It was also agreed that the restraint level for the calendar year 1983 will be 796,000 pieces and that the restraint levels for the three subsequent restraint periods (1984 to 1986) will be advanced on an annual basis by a growth of 6 per cent. The provisions for swing will be 7 per cent and the provisions for carryover/carry forward will be 11 per cent of which carry forward will not represent more than 6 per cent. The combined use of swing, carryover and carry forward will not exceed 15 per cent.
5. The two sides noted that paragraphs 31 to 34 of the Memorandum of Understanding are no longer operative since all of the products subject to the Memorandum of Understanding are now covered by specific restraint levels.
6. The Government of Malaysia undertakes to submit monthly statistics relating to all of the products listed in Annex I and Annex II of the Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

7. The provisions of paragraphs 2 to 4 of this agreed record of discussions will become effective immediately subsequent to an exchange of notes between the two governments confirming their acceptance of these arrangements.

Kuala Lumpur, 16 June 1983

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The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to discussions held in Kuala Lumpur between representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government of Malaysia on 15 and 16 June 1983 pursuant to provisions in the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Malaysia Relating to the Export from Malaysia of Certain Textiles and Textile Products for Import into Canada" concerning exports of acrylic yarns and blouses and shirts to Canada and the conversion of the consultation levels for these products in the Memorandum of Understanding to specific restraint levels for the period 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986.

The Canadian authorities have further the honour to refer to the "Canada/Malaysia Textile Negotiations Agreed Record of Discussions" which was initialled ad referendum in Kuala Lumpur on 16 June 1983 and to confirm that the record is acceptable to the Government of Canada.