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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement between Canada and Sri Lanka

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Canada of a further modification to its bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. Limits on winter outerwear were agreed for the period 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1986.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement and a previous modification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1054 and 1055

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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CANADA/SRI LANKA TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Delegations representing the Government of Canada and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka met on 6 February 1985 in Colombo, in response to the Canadian request for consultations, to discuss the export of winter outerwear from Sri Lanka to Canada, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10 of the Agreed Record signed between the two sides on 7 August 1984.

2. During these negotiations, it was agreed that the Memorandum of Understanding between the two governments governing the trade in textiles and clothing items will be amended effective 1 January 1985 to include restraint provisions for winter outerwear exports to Canada. In this regard, the two sides agreed that the restraint level for calendar year 1985 will be 120,000 units and that this will be increased by 6 per cent to form the restraint level for calendar year 1986. It was further agreed that this category shall be accorded swing of 7 per cent, carryover and borrow-forward of 11 per cent of which borrow-forward shall not be more than 6 per cent, combined flexibility of swing, carryover and borrow-forward of not more than 15 per cent and a conversion factor of 3.2 square metres per unit.

3. It was agreed that Sri Lankan authorities will administer the restraint for winter outerwear shipments to Canada, effective 1 January 1985, through the issuance of "Export Licences" endorsed and issued by the proper Sri Lankan authority.

4. The Canadian side indicated that agreement to the above understanding be on an ad referendum basis subject to approval by Canadian Ministers. Accordingly, both sides indicated that such arrangement would be finalized through an exchange of notes between the two governments.

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Colombo, 6 February 1985

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WINTER OUTERWEAR

Winter outerwear garments: (commonly referred to as snowsuits, snowmobile suits, ski-suits, ski-pants and snow-pants, and jackets and vests including parkas, ski-jackets, and similar jacket-type garments) that have an outer shell manufactured substantially by surface area with woven fabrics wholly or mainly by weight of cotton, man-made fibres, wool, or blends thereof and that are lined and designed to protect the wearer against cold, eg. quilted linings, down or fibre filling, etc., but not plain acetate or viscose lining.

Excluded are: all unlined outerwear; all coats three-quarter length or longer, that is, to the knee or below the knee; garments commonly known as squall jackets, windbreakers or similar jacket-type garments where there is no thermal insulation; and ski-pants and cross-country ski-suits which do not meet the above description (eg. constructed entirely from knitted fabric).

Notes

1. A unit comprises garments which have been designed to be sold as a set, eg. matching or co-ordinated ski-jackets and ski-pants comprising a ski suit will be counted as one unit if packed and shipped as a set. Vests are counted separately.

CANADIAN NOTE

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and has the honour to refer to the Agreed Record of Discussions signed by representatives of Canada and Sri Lanka in Colombo on 6 February 1985 concerning exports of winter outerwear from Sri Lanka to Canada. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the Agreed Record, the Canadian authorities wish to confirm that Canadian Ministers have given approval to the provision of paragraph 2 of the Agreed Record and to propose that this Note, together with the reply from the Sri Lankan authorities confirming acceptance by the Sri Lankan Government, give effect to the arrangement outlined in paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Agreed Record, thereby constituting an amendment to Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and Sri Lanka governing trade in textiles and clothing items.

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

Colombo, 7 May 1985

SRI LANKAN NOTE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to the High Commission for Canada in Colombo and has the honour to refer to its Note 661 which reads as follows:

CANADIAN NOTE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka wishes to confirm that the above sets out correctly the understanding reached between Sri Lanka and Canada in Colombo on 6 February 1985.

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