

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4

#### Extension of the bilateral agreement between Canada and China

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an extension of its bilateral agreement with China for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.<sup>1</sup>

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications received 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 previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1390 and 1460.

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

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

27 June 1991

H.E. Mr. Fred Bild  
Ambassador  
The Canadian Embassy  
Beijing

Dear Mr. Ambassador Bild,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 22 May 1991 which reads as follows:

"The purpose of this letter is to propose an amendment to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canada and China relating to the import from the People's Republic of China of certain textiles and textile products into Canada. This document was initialled by the representatives of the two governments on 7 March 1987 and referred to the arrangements regarding international trade in textiles (MFA), signed at Geneva on 20 December 1973 as extended by the Protocol of 31 July 1986. This proposed amendment follows recent consultations between representatives of our respective governments on 25 and 26 March 1991, in Beijing.

As discussed during the consultations, I hereby propose on behalf of Canada that the MOU be amended as follows: its Term is to be extended to include the one-year period from 1 January 1992, to 31 December 1992. During this period, all provisions of the MOU, including those provisions regarding base levels, growth rates and flexibility, shall be extended without change. The year ending 31 December 1992, shall be considered the final year of the MOU.

If you agree, this proposal and your letter of acceptance shall constitute the amendment to the MOU."

I wish to confirm that your proposed amendment conforms to my understanding. Therefore, your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute the amendment to the MOU. However, I would mention that the MOU may be modified through mutual consultations according to the result of the multilateral trade negotiations concerning the Multi-Fiber Arrangement.

Sincerely,

Shen Jueren  
Vice Minister  
Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and  
Trade of the People's Republic of China

**CANADIAN EMBASSY**

22 May 1991

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Vice Minister  
Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations  
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2, Dong Chang an Street  
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I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Bild  
Ambassador