

# 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 Malaysia

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

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications made 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 amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1360, 1427 and 1647 (transmitted under Articles 7 and 8).

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

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**CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION**

No. 5526

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia and has the honour to refer to our note No. 1213 dated 1 March 1991, which proposed that 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 (MOU) be extended to 31 December 1992.

Given the decision of the GATT Textiles Committee to extend the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (Multi-fibre Arrangement) until 31 December 1992, the expiry of the current MOU at the end of this year is causing considerable uncertainty in the textile and clothing industries in both Canada and Malaysia. In order to minimize any uncertainty in trade in textiles and clothing between Malaysia and Canada, and given the need to maintain protection for the domestic textile industry in Canada, Canadian authorities wish to reiterate their proposal that the MOU governing our bilateral textile trade be extended for a period of one year, until 31 December 1992. This extension would apply to all terms and conditions contained in the current MOU, including growth rates and flexibility provisions. The extension will be without prejudice to any changes which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round governing textile trade beyond 1991.

The Canadian authorities would appreciate an early response to this proposal.

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

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
12 September 1991

**CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION**

NO. 5927/91

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to its note 5526 of 12 September 1991, regarding International Trade in Textiles. The Canadian High Commission has the further honour to notify the Ministry that given the extension of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, as well as the decision of the GATT Textiles Committee to extend the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (the Multi-fibre Arrangement) until 31 December 1992, and as a result of requests by importers and by exporting countries, the Government of Canada has decided to postpone the implementation of the classification of categories based on the Harmonized System until 1 January 1993.

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

KUALA LUMPUR  
31 October 1991

Letter from the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

N.27/99

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and with reference to the latter's note of 12 September 1991 regarding the proposal to extend the Bilateral Textile Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Canada till 31 December 1992, wishes to inform that the Government of Malaysia is agreeable with the proposal to extend the Bilateral Textile Agreement for a period of one year, until 31 December 1992. The extension would apply to all terms and conditions contained in the current Memorandum of Understanding, including growth rates and flexibility provisions.

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

Wisma Putra  
Kuala Lumpur

11 November 1991