

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Extension of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Mauritius

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of the extension of its bilateral¹ agreement with Mauritius for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.

This notification was made pursuant to a request by the Textiles Committee that restrictions applied to non-participants be notified. The TSB is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement and a previous extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1188 and 1613.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

Mauritius Note

To: Canadian High Commission, Dar es Saalam, United Republic of
Tanzania

From: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Mauritius

Ref: 0/111/132/AR

Compliments.

Honour, refer to High Commission's Notes No. 1648/91 and 1695/91 and convey agreement of Government to the proposed extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for a period of one year to 31st December 1992.

Highest consideration.

4.4.91

TEXT OF NOTE FROM THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION, DAR-ES-SALAAM
28 February 1991

"... Canadian Authorities would like to refer to the Uruguay Round of GATT Negotiations and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Mauritius relating to the export from Mauritius of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU).

Given the decision to extend the Uruguay Round, it appears likely that negotiations will extend beyond the expiry on 31 July 1991, of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA). No deadline for these negotiations has been set, but it is likely that this extension, combined with the time necessary for implementation of the results, would take us beyond the 31 December 1991, expiry of our current MOU.

The prolongation of the Uruguay Round Negotiations, the expiry of the MFA on 31 July 1991, and the expiry of the current MOU at the end of this year will cause considerable uncertainty in the textile and clothing industries of both Canada and Mauritius. Orders will soon be placed for 1992. Given this uncertainty in both countries and the need to maintain protection for the domestic textile industry in Canada, Canadian Authorities propose that the MOU governing our bilateral textile trade be extended for a period of one year, until 31 December 1992. The extension envisaged by Canadian Authorities would apply to all terms and conditions contained in our 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.

Canadian authorities would appreciate an early response to this proposal so that they can reflect on any other measures which may be necessary to ensure protection for the Canadian industry until the results of a successful Uruguay Round are implemented ..."