

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1791\*

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Articles 7 and 8

#### Extension of Import Controls by Canada on clothing originating in North Korea

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of a further extension of unilateral restraints on imports into Canada of clothing from North Korea for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.<sup>1</sup>

This notification was made under Articles 7 and 8 in accordance with a request made by the Textiles Committee that measures concerning non-participants be notified.

The TSB is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>Notices for the previous restraints are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1189 and 1271.

\*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

**NOTICE TO IMPORTERS**

**Export and Import Permits Act**

Serial No.: 426

Date: 27 December 1991

**TEXTILES AND CLOTHING**

**Coverage**

1. This Notice applies to imports of textile and clothing products covered by bilateral restraint arrangements which have been concluded between Canada and each of the following supplier sources: Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, People's Republic of China, Dominican Republic, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, Mauritius, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam and Uruguay. This Notice also applies to imports of textiles and clothing products covered by unilateral restraints imposed on imports from North Korea and the United Arab Emirates.

2. Canada has extended the bilateral restraint arrangements with each of the suppliers sources listed above. Exports to Canada of the products covered by these arrangements are now subject to restraint for the period 1 January 1992, to 31 December 1992. There have been no changes in coverage of these arrangements from that existing on 31 December 1991. Importers will be advised of their allocation for the unilateral restraints with North Korea and the United Arab Emirates.

3. At this time, discussions are proceeding with the following countries with a view to extending bilateral restraint arrangements to the end of 1992: Colombia, Hungary, India and Pakistan. Importers will be advised of the results of discussions with these additional countries. Meanwhile, importers may wish to contact this Department at the address indicated on page 3 of this notice for further information before engaging in import commitments.

**Authority**

4. Under the authority of Paragraph 5(1)(e) of the Export and Import Permits Act, the items covered by these agreements are established on the Import Control List. Import permits are required to import goods that are included on the Import Control List. Pursuant to Sections 8 and 10 of the Export and Import Permits Act, the Secretary of State for External Affairs may issue, amend, suspend, cancel or reinstate import permits.

### Policy

5. The Government's policy for the textile industries, which was announced in 1986, called for ensuring more moderate growth in imports. Given the delay in completing the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Canada sought to extend to 31 December 1992, all existing bilateral restraints which are due to expire on 31 December 1991. Importers should take note that in keeping with the Government's policy restraints, new emerging suppliers will be vigorously pursued where there are clear cases of market disruption, or threat of disruption, to Canadian producers.

### Administration

6. All applications for import permits for goods covered by these arrangements must be accompanied by a valid export license issued and endorsed by the appropriate authorities of the exporting country.

### Permit Fees

7. A fee will be levied for each permit or certificate issued in accordance with the Export and Import Permits and Certificates Fees Order, 1989. (Notice to Importers No. 379 dated 2 August 1989).

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