

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Import restraints maintained by Canada with respect to certain non-participants

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of restraint measures applied on imports of clothing originating in Cambodia, Laos, Oman, Qatar and Swaziland, for the period 15 June to 31 December 1992.

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 the participating countries for their information.

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CANADA NOTE

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS
Export and Import Permits Act

Serial No.: 430
Date: 9 June 1992

TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

RESTRAINTS ON IMPORTS OF CLOTHING FROM
CAMBODIA, LAOS, OMAN, QATAR AND SWAZILAND

Coverage

1. This Notice applies to imports of all clothing originating in Cambodia, Laos, Oman, Qatar and Swaziland (i.e., all products covered by the following Import Control List items:

- 32 - winter outerwear;
- 37 - pants, slacks, jeans, overalls, coveralls and outershorts;
- 39 - blouses, shirts, t-shirts and sweatshirts;
- 40 - sleepwear and bathrobes;
- 42 - sportswear;
- 44 - swimwear;
- 45 - underwear;
- 46 - jackets, overcoats, topcoats, professional coats and shopcoats;
- 47 - fine suits, sportscoats and blazers for men and boys; and
- 49 - tailored collar shirts for men and boys; and
- 50 - sweaters, pullovers and cardigans).

Authority

2. Under the authority of Paragraph 5(1)(e) of the Export and Import Permits Act (EIPA), the items indicated above have been established on the Import Control List. Import permits are required to import goods that are included in the Import Control List. Pursuant to Sections 8 and 10 of the EIPA, the Secretary of State for External Affairs may issue, amend, suspend, cancel or reinstate import permits.

Restraint System

3. Importers are advised that Canadian authorities will impose unilateral restraints on imports of the aforementioned products, effective 15 June 1992. Quota levels for the period 15 June 1992 to 31 December 1992 are contained in Annex I to this Notice. Importers are being informed of their quota shares, which are being allocated on the basis of their

historical performance. Unless requested, quotas will not be allocated to importers with an historical performance of less than 1,000 units per year, per category. Quotas will be administered according to the date of importation.

4. A share of up to 25% of the quota will be made available for allocation on a pro-rata basis to importers without quota shares but who have entered into irrevocable commitments prior to 8 June 1992. Importers having such commitments are requested to provide supporting documentation to the Export and Import Permits Bureau by 30 June 1992. Documents should include copies of sale or purchase contracts and of irrevocable letters of credit. Depending on the data presented, part of this 25% set-aside may be made available to importers who have entered into irrevocable commitments before 8 June 1992, in excess of their quota shares.

Consultations

5. The Government of Canada has indicated to the Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Oman, Qatar and Swaziland that it is prepared to enter into consultations concerning these restraints. Importers will be advised of the outcome of any such consultations in a future Notice.

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ANNEX I: QUOTA LEVELS: 15 JUNE - 31 DECEMBER 1992

	Cambodia	Laos	Oman	Qatar	Swaziland
All Clothing (units)	358,750	221,669	122,500	390,831	1,575,000
- of which:					
32. Winter Outerwear	11,669	11,669	5,831	11,669	5,831
37. Pants, etc.	110,831	134,169	37,331	32,669	17,500
- of which: Pants (MBWG)	23,333	46,666	14,583	11,669	-
39. Blouses, etc.	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	116,669
40. Sleepwear, etc.	58,331	58,331	58,331	58,331	58,331
42. Sportswear	23,331	23,331	23,331	23,331	23,331
44. Swimwear	58,331	58,331	58,331	58,331	58,331
45. Underwear	58,331	58,331	58,331	58,331	1,166,669
46. Jackets, etc.	52,500	11,669	11,669	11,669	11,669
47. Fine Suits, etc.	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916
49. T.C. Shirts	175,000	58,331	58,331	250,831	58,331
50. Sweaters, etc.	35,000	81,669	35,000	35,000	35,000

-- a sub-quota is not applicable to Swaziland.