

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:4

Interim agreement between Canada and Costa Rica

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an interim agreement concluded with Costa Rica for the period 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994, with respect to exports of underwear from Costa Rica. This agreement superseded an Article 3:6 measure.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding agreements notified under Article 3:4,² has examined the relevant documentation and agreed to transmit the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹See COM.TEX/SB/1893.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex A.

³For the TSB's observation on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1900.

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Costa Rica - Canada Textile Products Consultations

Agreed Record of Discussions

1. Delegations representing the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Government of Canada met on 16 and 17 December 1993, in San José, to discuss the export from Costa Rica of underwear (Category 9.0) for import into Canada.
2. The two delegations had detailed discussions on the June 1993 request for consultation on underwear from Costa Rica into Canada. No agreement was reached regarding this call for consultations.
3. However, both sides put forth proposals to reach a mutually agreed solution and each delegation agreed to pursue the discussions at a mutually convenient date in 1994.
4. They were able to reach agreement on the establishment of an interim measure to restrain the volume of imports of underwear originating in Costa Rica into Canada for the period 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994 to a limit of 1,165,000 units based on the date of shipment without prejudice to any further discussions.
5. Delegations further agreed that in administering the interim measure Costa Rican authorities would issue export licences to accompany each shipment of underwear originating in Costa Rica for export to Canada.
6. The delegations agreed that their respective authorities would communicate to each other their responses to the ad referendum agreement at an early opportunity.

for the Government of the
Republic of Costa Rica

for the Government of the
Canada

San José, Costa Rica
17 December 1993

DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, SAN JOSE

Canadian authorities wish to refer to the agreed record of discussions signed by representatives of Canada and Costa Rica in San José on 17 December 1993 regarding the establishment of an interim measure to restrain the volume of imports of underwear from Costa Rica into Canada for the period 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994 to a limit of 1,165,000 units based on the date of shipment without prejudice to any further discussions.

The Canadian authorities wish to confirm their acceptance of the agreed record and propose that this note, together with the reply from the Costa Rican authorities confirming acceptance by their government, give effect to the agreement outlined in the agreed record.

Republic of Costa Rica
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND WORSHIP

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The Ministry of External Relations and Worship - Directorate-General of Foreign Policy - presents its compliments to the Embassy of Canada and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 01, dated 4 January 1994, referring to the discussions held on 16 and 17 December 1993 concerning Category 9.0.

This Ministry wishes to inform the Embassy that THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA agrees to the establishment of the temporary measure to restrict our exports of underwear to a level of 1,165,000 units for the period from 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994.

The Ministry of External Relations and Worship - Directorate-General of Foreign Policy - takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

San José, 8 February 1994