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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

**Amendment of the agreement between
Canada and Bangladesh**

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of amendments to its agreement with Bangladesh. Adjustments were made to restraint levels consequent to the adoption of the HS-based categorization for the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1994. A new restraint was introduced for the period 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications received under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement, previous amendments and extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1381, 1442, 1504, 1754 and 1870.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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CANADA-BANGLADESH CONSULTATIONS
AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Delegations representing the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh met on 7-10 June 1993 in Ottawa pursuant to the request by Canada, under Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA), for consultations regarding the export of underwear from Bangladesh to Canada. The two delegations also discussed the conversion of the structure of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh relating to the export from Bangladesh of certain textile products for import into Canada (MOU) to a structure based on the Harmonized System (HS).

The Canadian delegation presented its case regarding the market disruption being caused by imports of underwear from Bangladesh, and the rationale for seeking restraints on the export of underwear from Bangladesh to Canada. The delegation from Bangladesh indicated that the evidence presented by Canada did not prove that exports of underwear from Bangladesh were disrupting the Canadian market. It indicated that it could not agree to a restraint on the export of these products. The two delegations reserved their respective rights under Article 3 of the MFA.

The two delegations agreed that Annexes I and II to this Agreed Record would replace Annexes I and II of the MOU. This Agreed Record and its Annexes will be considered as Annex VI to the MOU.

The two delegations noted that their signature of this Agreed Record was on an ad referendum basis, subject to the approval of their respective authorities and to confirmation by means of diplomatic notes indicating acceptance.

For the Government of
Canada

For the Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ottawa, 10 June 1993

ANNEX I - 1993 RESTRAINT LEVELS

Bangladesh

Group 1

(A)	(B) Product coverage		(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
Agreement Item No.	Category	Short description	1993 restraint level (NMB)	Growth	Swing	Carry- over/carry forward	Combined flexibility (E) & (F)	Conversion factor (m ² /unit)
1a	1.2	Jackets	887,213	7%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	2.9
2	2.0	Winter outerwear	212,731	6%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	3.5
3/4a (Note 1)	3.2 4.1 4.2	Ensembles, MBC Suits & ensembles, WGC Jackets & blazers, WGC	1,026,128	6%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	3.4
3/4b	3.2 4.1 4.2	- of which: Ensembles, MB Suits & ensembles, WG Jackets & blazers, WG	929,682	6%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	3.4
5	5.0	Trousers, overalls and shorts	1,718,733	7.5%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	1.9
5a	5.1 5.2	- of which: Trousers, MB Trousers, WG	390,565	7.5%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	1.9
6	6.0	Tailored collar shirts, MB	1,605,782	7%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	1.8
7/8a	7.0 8.1 8.4	Woven shirts, blouses and similar articles (k/c) Shirts, blouses & similar articles Athletic wear	3,693,000	7%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	1.7
7/8b	8.4	- of which: Athletic wear	333,938	7%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	1.7
8a (Note 2)	8.2 8.3	T-shirts Sweatshirt	5,408,333	7.5%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	1.7
14*	14.0	Babies' garments	180,564	4%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	0.7

*Excluding categories 14.4 to 14.8

Note 1: Shipment of children's garments, sizes 2 to 6X to be identified as Item 3/4c.

Note 2: Effective 1 February 1993; the annual restraint level for 1993 is 5,408,333 units.

ANNEX II - PREAMBLE

Bangladesh

1. Unless otherwise indicated, gender means garments for men (M), boys (B)(sizes 8 to 18), women (W), girls (G)(sizes 7 to 16), children (C)(sizes 2 to 6X) and babies, of a body height not exceeding 86 cm (sizes 0 to 24 months).
2. Unless otherwise indicated, swing is permitted from adult garments to children's and babies' garments at a 3 to 5 ratio.
3. A partially manufactured textile article shall be taken to include an article unfinished or incomplete (including cut or shaped fabric for making such articles), provided that, as presented, the incomplete or unfinished article has the essential character of the complete or finished article. It shall also be taken to include the article presented unassembled or disassembled.
4. Garments of indeterminate gender, including unisex garments, are to be counted as of female gender.
5. Unless otherwise indicated, products covered by restraints under this arrangement in Group I are those which predominate by weight of wool, cotton or man-made fibres.

ANNEX II - CLOTHING CATEGORIES

Bangladesh

Group 1

Short description	Category	Subcategory	Long description	Units
- Jackets		1.2	- Anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters and wind-jackets - <u>MBWGC, k/c</u> ; - anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters and wind-jackets, other than these lined and designed to protect the wearer against the cold - <u>MBWGC, woven</u> .	
Winter outerwear	2		- Anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, lined and designed to protect the wearer against the cold - <u>MBWGC, woven</u> ; - bib and brace overalls (e.g. ski overalls), lined and designed to protect the wearer against the cold - <u>MBWGC, woven</u> ; - trousers and breeches (e.g. ski pants), lined and designed to protect the wearer against the cold - <u>MBWGC, woven</u> ; - ski suits - <u>MBWGC, woven</u> ; - snowsuits, snowmobile suits and similar articles - <u>MBWGC, woven</u> ; - lining of thermal characteristics suited for garments of subcategory 1.2 - <u>MBWGC, k/c and woven</u> ;	NMB
- Winter outerwear, MBWG		2.1	- Men's, boys', women's and girls'.	
- Winter outerwear, C		2.2	- Children's.	
- Ensembles, MBC		3.2	- Ensembles - <u>MBC, k/c & woven</u> .	
Female casual and fine wear	4		- Suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided-skirts - <u>WGC, k/c and woven</u> ; - Saris - <u>WGC, woven</u> ;	NMB
- Suits and ensembles, WGC		4.1	- Suits and ensembles - <u>WGC, k/c and woven</u> .	
- Jackets and blazers, WGC		4.2	- Jackets and blazers - <u>WGC, k/c and woven</u> .	
- Dresses		4.3	- Dresses - <u>WGC, k/c and woven</u> ; - Saris - <u>WGC, woven</u> .	
- Skirts		4.4	- Skirts and divided skirts - <u>WGC, k/c and woven</u> .	
Trousers, overalls and shorts	5		- Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches, shorts - <u>MBWGC, k/c and woven</u> ; - coveralls - <u>MBWGC, k/c and woven</u> ;	NMB
- Trousers, MB		5.1	- Trousers and breeches - <u>MB, k/c and woven</u> .	
- Trousers, WG		5.2	- Trousers and breeches - <u>WG, k/c and woven</u> .	
- Trousers, C		5.3	- Trousers and breeches - <u>C, k/c and woven</u> .	
- Overalls and coveralls		5.4	- Bib and brace overalls - <u>MBWGC, k/c and woven</u> ; - Coveralls - <u>MBWGC, k/c and woven</u> .	
- Shorts		5.5	- Shorts - <u>MBWGC, k/c and woven</u> .	
- Tailored collar shirts, MBC	6		Shirts (with tailored collar) - <u>MBC, k/c and woven</u> .	NMB

Short description	Category	Subcategory	Long description	Units
Woven shirts, blouses and similar articles	7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirts, blouses, shirt-blouses - <u>MBWGC, woven</u>; other singlets and vests (other than of the underwear type) - <u>MBWGC, woven</u>; and other similar articles - <u>MBWGC, woven</u>; 	NMB
- Woven shirts and similar articles, MB		7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's and boys': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shirts - <u>woven</u>; other singlets and vests (other than of the underwear type) - <u>woven</u>; and other similar articles - <u>woven</u>. 	
- Woven blouses and similar articles, WG		7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's and girls': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shirts, blouses, shirt-blouses - <u>woven</u>; other singlets and vests (other than of the underwear type) - <u>woven</u>; and other similar articles - <u>woven</u>. 	
- Woven shirts, blouses and similar articles, C		7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shirts, blouses, shirt-blouses - <u>woven</u>; other singlets and vests (other than of the underwear type) - <u>woven</u>; and other similar articles - <u>woven</u>. 	
- k/c shirts, blouses and similar articles		8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirts, blouses, shirt-blouses - <u>MBWGC, k/c</u>; other singlets and vests (other than of the underwear type) - <u>MBWGC, k/c</u>; and other similar articles - <u>MBWGC, k/c</u>. 	
- Athletic wear		8.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ski suits - <u>MBWGC, k/c</u>; track suits and other athletic wear - <u>MBWGC, k/c and woven</u>. 	
Babies' garments	14		Babies' garments:	NMB
- Coat, jackets and rainwear		14.1	- Coats, snowsuits, jackets and similar articles.	
- Trousers, overalls and shorts		14.2	- Trousers, breeches, bib and brace overalls, coveralls and shorts.	
- Shirts, blouses and similar articles		14.3	- Shirts, blouses and similar articles.	
- T-shirts and sweatshirt		14.4	- T-shirts and sweatshirts.	
- Dresses and skirts		14.5	- Dresses and skirts.	
- Sleepwear		14.6	- Sleepwear.	
- Underclothing		14.7	- Underclothing.	
- Sweaters		14.8	- Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans and sweaters.	
- Other garments		14.9	- Other garments not elsewhere specified.	

External Affairs and International Trade Canada

KPT1154

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Bangladesh High Commission and has the honour to refer to the Agreed Record of Discussions signed by representatives of Canada and Bangladesh in Ottawa on 10 June 1993.

The Department wishes to inform the Bangladesh High Commission that the terms and conditions stipulated in the Agreed Record of Discussions relating to the export from Bangladesh of certain textile products for import into Canada are acceptable to the Canadian authorities.

The Department of External Affairs avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Bangladesh High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ottawa, 25 June 1993

External Affairs and International Trade Canada

KPT1212

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Bangladesh High Commission and has the honour to refer to its Note KPT1154 of 24 June 1993 concerning the Agreed Record of Discussions signed by representatives of Canada and Bangladesh in Ottawa on 10 June 1993.

The Department wishes to inform the Bangladesh High Commission that there is a correction to be made in Annex I of the MOU relating to the export from Bangladesh of certain textile products for import into Canada. The growth rate for Agreement Item Number 14, babies' garments, should read 7 per cent instead of 4 per cent.

The Department proposes that this Note, together with a reply from the Bangladesh High Commission, constitute an amendment to the above referred Agreed Record.

The Department of External Affairs avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Bangladesh High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ottawa, 13 July 1993

**Ministry of Commerce
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Dhaka**

COM/TEX/RO/2/92(part)/220

1. The Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and has the honour to refer to the Agreed Record of Discussions signed by the representatives of Bangladesh and Canada in Ottawa on 10 June 1993 and to the Canadian Department of External Affairs and International Trade note number KPT 1154 of 25 June 1993 and also to the note number KPT 1212 of 13 July 1993.
2. The Ministry of Commerce wishes to inform the Canadian High Commission that the terms and conditions laid down in the above Agreed Record of Discussions relating to export of certain textile products from Bangladesh to Canada are acceptable to the Government of Bangladesh.
3. The Ministry of Commerce also wishes to inform that the correction proposed by the Canadian Department of External Affairs regarding growth rate of Agreement Item Number 14 (which should read 7 per cent as against 4 per cent) of the Annexure I of the MOU relating to the export of certain textile products from Bangladesh to Canada is acceptable to the Government of Bangladesh.
4. The Ministry of Commerce avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dated, Dhaka the 4 September 1993

**The Canadian High Commission
in Bangladesh
Dhaka**

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka
2. First Secretary (COM)(Mr. E.M. Delwar)
Bangladesh High Commission,
Ottawa,
Canada

CANADA-BANGLADESH CONSULTATIONS
AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Delegations representing the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh met on 24-25 November 1993 in Dhaka to discuss the export of underwear from Bangladesh to Canada, in accordance with the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA).

During these discussions, it was agreed that during the period 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994, exports of underwear from Bangladesh will be restrained at the level of 2,246,000 units. Underwear shall be specified as Agreement Item Number 9 for purposes of identification, as defined in the attached Annex to this Agreed Record.

Regarding Agreement Item 9, the provision of swing shall be 7 per cent, growth of 6 per cent, carryover/carry forward of 10 per cent/5 per cent, combined flexibility of 13 per cent with a conversion factor of 0.5 m² per unit.

The delegations also agreed that, prior to the expiry of this agreement, they would meet in Ottawa to further discuss this issue.

This agreement is without prejudice to any changes which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round covering trade in textile products.

The two delegations noted that their signature of this agreed record was on an ad referendum basis, subject to the approval of their respective authorities, and to confirmation by means of diplomatic notes indicating acceptance.

For the Government of Canada

For the Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Dhaka, 25 November 1993

ANNEX I - RESTRAINT LEVEL

Bangladesh

Group I

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
9	9.0	2,246,000	6%	7%	10% (5%)	13%	0.5

Note: Restraint of 2,246,000 units is for 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994 period.

External Affairs and International Trade Canada

EPT0933

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada presents its compliments to the Bangladesh High Commission and has the honour to refer to the Agreed Record of Discussions signed by representatives of Canada and Bangladesh in Dhaka on 25 November 1993.

The Department wishes to inform the Bangladesh High Commission that the terms and conditions stipulated in the Agreed Record of Discussions relating to the export from Bangladesh of certain textile products for import into Canada are acceptable to the Canadian authorities.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Bangladesh High Commission the assurances of its highest considerations.

Ottawa, 24 December 1993

Ministry of Commerce
Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh
Dhaka

COM/TEX/RO/2/92(Part)

1. The Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and has the honour to refer to the Agreed Record of Discussions signed by representatives of Bangladesh and Canada in Dhaka on 25 November 1993.
2. The Ministry of Commerce wishes to inform the Canadian High Commission that the terms and conditions stipulated in the above Agreed Record of Discussions relating to export of certain textile products from Bangladesh to Canada are acceptable to the Government of Bangladesh.
3. The Ministry of Commerce avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dated, Dhaka the 25 January 1994

The Canadian High Commission
in Bangladesh,
Dhaka