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ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Extension and modification of the agreement between
Canada and Mauritius

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of an extension and modification of its agreement with Mauritius for the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1995.¹

This notification has been made pursuant to a request made by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with non-participants be notified.

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

¹The bilateral agreement and previous extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1188, 1613, 1765 and 1877.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

Department of External Affairs
Canada

Canada Note

No. KPT1167

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of Mauritius and has the honour to refer to 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 (the MOU).

In light of the continued delay in the completion of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN), it is clear that the MTN results on textiles and clothing will regrettably not be implemented on 1 January 1994, as was expected in 1992 when the MOU was extended for a year until 31 December 1993.

Under these circumstances, Canadian authorities wish to avoid uncertainties among producers, exporters and importers in Canada and in Mauritius with respect to the rules which will govern our bilateral trade in textiles and clothing in 1994. Orders have already been placed for delivery in 1994. Manufacturers in Canada and in Mauritius will soon have to produce the items necessary to meet their 1994 delivery commitments. Canadian importers also have committed themselves to meet increasingly stringent deadlines for delivery to their Canadian customers. In the absence of the extension of the MOU, Canadian authorities are not in a position at this time to counsel Canadian importers on whether the current import régime would continue into 1994.

Canadian authorities remain committed to maintaining an effective import control policy for the textile and clothing industries in order to moderate growth in low-cost imports and to provide the Canadian industry with a climate that is conducive to an orderly adjustment process. The current bilateral textile agreement between Mauritius and Canada has served to ensure secure terms of access for textiles and clothing exports from Mauritius.

The Canadian authorities propose that the MOU be extended until 31 December 1994 or if the authorities of Mauritius are agreeable, to 31 December 1995. This extension would apply to all terms and conditions of the MOU, including growth rate and flexibility provisions. It would also be without prejudice to any changes that may be required to be implemented as a result of a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round. In the event that the MTN results are implemented in 1995, the second year of this extension where applicable, would be superseded by the restraint structure contained in the MTN agreement.

If the authorities of Mauritius are in agreement with the proposed extension of the MOU, the Canadian authorities propose further that this note, along with the reply from the authorities of Mauritius, constitute an agreement extending the MOU until the date on which we mutually agree.

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

Ottawa, 28 June 1993

Mauritius High Commission
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M/C/43

The High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs and has the honour to refer to its Note No. KPT 1167 dated 28 June which reads as follows:

"Canada Note No. KPT 1167 "

The High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius wishes to inform the Department of External Affairs that the Government of Mauritius is agreeable to roll over the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Mauritius relating to the Export of Certain Textiles and Textile Products for import into Canada for a period of two years ending December 1995 with the normal growth rate and flexibility provisions.

The High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius further confirms that the Department's note and this reply constitute an agreement extending the MOU until December 1995.

The High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of External Affairs of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington
11 August 1993

Canada - Mauritius Textile and Clothing Consultations

Agreed Record of Discussions

1. Delegations representing the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius met on 9 and 10 March 1994, in Washington D.C., to discuss the amendment of 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 ("the MOU"), to include winter outerwear and underwear.

2. Following detailed discussions, the two delegations reached agreement on an ad referendum basis to amend the MOU to include imports into Canada of winter outerwear and underwear and to exclude sweaters, effective 1 January 1994.

3. During the consultations, agreement was also reached on the following further amendment to the MOU:

Swing

12a. Subject to the specific limitations set out in Annex I, and following notification to the appropriate Canadian officials, the Government of Mauritius may exceed any quantitative limit specified in Annex I up to the percentage shown in column (E) provided that an equivalent amount is deducted from any other restraint level.

12b. For the purpose of implementing the swing provisions in paragraph 12a, the conversion factors shown in column (H) of Annex I will apply.

4. The two delegations also agreed that Annexes I and II to this Agreed Record will serve as the basis for the restraint levels for imports under the MOU. Annexes I and II attached hereto will thus replace Annexes I and II that were the subject of Diplomatic Notes in February 1993.

5. The two delegations recognized that the continuation of the provisions of the MOU, as hereby amended, would be without prejudice to conclusions that may be reached in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

For the Government of Canada

For the Government of
the Republic of Mauritius

(signed)

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Washington, D.C.
10 March 1994

ANNEX I - RESTRAINT LEVELS

MAURITIUS

GROUP I

(A) Agreement Item No.	(B) (C) Product Coverage		(D) 1994 Restraint Level (NMB)	(E) Growth*	(F) Swing	(G) Carryover Carry Forward	(H) Combined Flexibility (E) & (F)	Conversion Factor (m ² /Unit)
	Category	Short Description						
2	2.0	Winter outwear	115,000	6%	7%	11%(6%)	N/A	3.5
6	6.0	Tailored collar shirts, MBC	1,097,650	6%	7%	11%(6%)	N/A	2.1
9	9.0	Underwear	1,980,000	6%	7%	11%(6%)	N/A	0.8

*Subject to provisions of MTN Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

ANNEX II - CLOTHING CATEGORIES**MAURITIUS****GROUP I**

Short Description	Category	Sub Category	Long Description	Units
Winter outerwear	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 sub-category 1.2 - <u>MBWGC, k/c & woven</u>; 	NMB
- Winter outerwear, MBWG		2.1	- Men's, boys', women's and girls'.	
- Winter outerwear, C		2.2	- Children's.	
Tailored collar shirts, MBC	6		Shirts (with tailored collar) - <u>MBC, k/c & woven</u> .	NMB
Underwear	9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Underpants, briefs, panties, slips, petticoats and similar articles - <u>MBWGC, k/c & woven</u>; - T-shirts (of the underwear type) - <u>MBWGC, k/c</u>; - singlets and other vests (of the underwear type) - <u>MBWGC, k/c & woven</u>; 	NMB
- Underwear, MB		9.1	- Men's & boys'.	
- Underwear, WG		9.2	- Women's & girls'.	
- Underwear, C		9.3	- Children's.	

Department of External Affairs
Canada

No. EPT-0425

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius and has the honour to refer to the attached agreed record of discussions of 10 March 1994, in Washington, D.C., regarding the amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Mauritius and the Government of Canada relating to the export from Mauritius of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada ("the MOU") to include winter outerwear and underwear and to exclude sweaters.

The Canadian authorities are pleased to confirm their acceptance of the amendment to the MOU as set out in the agreed record of 10 March 1994.

The Canadian authorities propose that this note, together with the reply from the Mauritian authorities, confirming their similar acceptance of the amendment to the MOU, shall constitute an amendment to the MOU, which shall take effect from 1 January 1994.

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

Ottawa
25 March 1994

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MC/43

The High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs of Canada and has the honour to refer to the Department's note No. EPT-0425 dated 25 March which reads as follows:

"Note No. EPT-0425"

The High Commission wishes to inform the Department that the Mauritius authorities have confirmed their acceptance of the amendment to the MOU as set out in the agreed record of 10 March 1994.

The High Commission would also like to confirm that the Department's note together with this note shall constitute an amendment to the MOU which shall take effect from 1 January 1994.

The High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of External Affairs of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.
11 May 1994