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Leather Footwear

Addendum

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF CONCESSIONS BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The following communication, dated 15 November 1982, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

The Government of Canada wishes to refer to the communications of the European Communities (L/5263/Add.6 of 3 November 1982 and L/5351/Add.3/Rev.1 of 16 November 1982), with respect to the notice to the contracting parties, that they intend, under paragraph 3 of Article XIX, to suspend with regard to Canada, concessions on some or all of the products listed in that document as a result of measures taken under Article XIX by Canada on footwear. The Canadian Government wishes to advise the contracting parties that consultations with the European Communities in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article XIX are continuing and it is Canada's hope that these consultations will reach a mutually satisfactory conclusion.

Notwithstanding this situation, the Canadian Government wishes to advise the contracting parties that it does not consider the notice by the European Communities referred to above to provide sufficient detail on the nature and scope of the action the Communities intend to take to enable the contracting parties to decide whether the proposed suspensions represent "substantially equivalent concessions" and therefore does not provide the contracting parties with an adequate basis on which to "not disapprove" the measure. Accordingly, it is the view of the Canadian Government that the notification provided by the European Communities does not meet the requirements of Article XIX:3(a).

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