

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1683 *

18 March 1992

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Special Distribution

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification received under Article 4:4

Restraints introduced under the consultation provisions of the bilateral agreement between Canada and India

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Canada of restraints introduced under the consultation provisions of its bilateral agreement with India. Restraints were introduced on winter outerwear and on underwear for the period 1 May to 31 December 1991.¹

The TSB is transmitting the text of the notification to the Textiles Committee exclusively for information.²

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1414.

²For the TSB's observations, see COM.TEX/SB/1688.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

Canadian High Commission

Note No. 215

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the consultations held in New Delhi on 4-7 June 1991, pursuant to paragraph 29 of the Canada/India Textiles Agreement (MOU) respecting the restraining of exports to Canada of winter outerwear and underwear.

In view of the request by Indian authorities to suspend the above-noted consultations and owing to the continuing market disruption caused by imports of these two products to Canada, the Canadian authorities, pursuant to paragraph 29(F) of the MOU, request that the Government of India limit its exports of winter outerwear and underwear to an annual level of 425,258 units and 1,810,151 units respectively. Pursuant to paragraph 29(G) of the MOU, the prorated restraint level for the period 1 May 1991 to 31 December 1991, will be: A) for winter outerwear, 283,506 units and B) for underwear, 1,206,767 units.

For purposes of identification, these products shall be specified as items 8 (winter outerwear) and 9 (underwear) of Annex I of the MOU. Pursuant to paragraph 29(H) of the MOU, swing will be 7 per cent; carryover will be 10 per cent, carry forward will be 5 per cent, with a combined use of carryover and carry forward not to exceed 10 per cent. The combined use of swing, carryover and carry forward will not exceed 15 per cent.

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the MOU, the Government of Canada will admit imports of winter outerwear and underwear from India that are covered by an original copy of an Indian "Export Certificate" endorsed and issued by the proper Indian authority, including a statement to the effect that the imports covered by the licence have been debited to the applicable quantitative limit.

Canadian authorities wish to reiterate their willingness to enter into consultations at any mutually convenient time.

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

New Delhi
15 July 1991

CANADA - INDIA CONSULTATIONS

AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Delegations representing the Government of Canada and the Government of Republic of India met from 4 June to 7 June 1991, in New Delhi to discuss the export of winter outerwear, underwear and bedsheets from India, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 27 to 29 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Republic of India relating to the export from India of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU).

2. The delegations could not reach any mutually acceptable solution on the export of winter outerwear and underwear. For technical reasons, the Canadian delegation agreed to withdraw, without prejudice to the rights of Canada under the MOU and MFA, the call for consultation and the 90-day limits in regard to bedsheets.

Leader of the Delegation
of the Government of Canada

Leader of the Delegation
of the Government of India

New Delhi, 7 June 1991