

European Community

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FORMAL SETTLEMENT OF THE "FOOTWEAR ISSUE"

BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND CANADA

On 30 April 1985, the European Community and the Government of Canada exchanged letters settling the claim of the EC for compensation under GATT Article XIX for the trade loss suffered by the one-year extension - from 1 December 1984 to 30 November 1985 - of Canada's import restrictions on footwear. The compensation will take the form of tariff concessions made by Canada on a range of products which are of direct interest to Community exporters. The trade volume on which these Canadian concessions are made - for periods ranging from 1 year to 3 years - is of the order of 150 million Canadian dollars.

On the same occasion, the Canadian Government announced that it would further reduce the maximum price level for footwear falling under the import quota system. (\$35.CAD for shoes, \$60.CAD for boots)

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ANNEX TO AGREED MINUTE OF MARCH 29, 1985
 BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Tariff Item	Description	Concession Rate
61105-3	Downhill Ski Boots	12.5 p.c.
51115-2	Downhill Ski Fittings	free
EX 92904-1	Iso Decanol	free
EX 45110-1	Sewing Machine Needles	free
64700-1	Jewellery	13.3 p.c.
EX 53110-1	Yarns of wool and polyester fibres, spun on the worsted system, containing not less than 40 p.c. and not more than 65 p.c. by weight of wool, for use in the manufacture of woven worsted fabrics	free
EX 53110-1	Yarns, wholly of wool, spun on the worsted system, 2/52's worsted count or finer, for use in the manufacture of woven fabrics	free
32800-1	Spectacle and Eyeglass Frames	9.2 p.c.
EX 624301-1	Statues and Statuettes of China and Porcelain	free
92944-1	Antibiotics	free
55302-1	Silk Scarves, Headsquares and Mufflers	10 p.c.
56825-1	Gloves of Kid	10 p.c.
EX 53305-1	Neckties of Wool, Woven	20 p.c.
EX 56805-1	Neckties of Wool, Knitted	20 p.c.
* 28415-1	Earthenware Tiles	11.5 p.c.
EX 92944-1	Chloramphenicol	free
EX 92935-1	Oxazepam	free
EX 92935-1	Flurazepam	free

* This concession applies to all goods classified under this item as of December 31, 1983.