

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notifications Under Article 2, paragraphs 2(ii) and 4

Interim Bilateral Agreement Between the United States and the Arab Republic of Egypt¹

Attached is a notification received by the Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) from the United States under the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 2(ii) and paragraph 4, last sentence, of the Textiles Arrangement concerning the interim bilateral agreement with the Arab Republic of Egypt. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 2, the TSB has reviewed this notification and has found that the agreement is in conformity with the Arrangement. The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.

¹For previous interim agreement see COM.TEX/SB/37.

UNITED STATES AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
EXTEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Arab Republic of Egypt agreed to extend the bilateral agreement on trade in cotton textiles between the two countries by exchange of notes in the Arab Republic of Egypt on 28 December 1974 and 31 December 1974. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Letter No.1

28 December 1974

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning trade in cotton textiles between the United States of America and the Arab Republic of Egypt, effected by exchange of notes on 10 May 1974, as corrected by exchange of notes on 8 July and 11 July 1974.¹

The Government of the United States of America proposes:

1. To extend the term of this Agreement to 31 March 1975, with the understanding that during this extension the aggregate limit will be a quarter of the aggregate stipulated in the Agreement for calendar year 1975.
2. That during the extension and within the aggregate, the levels of trade in the categories specified in this Agreement shall not exceed the indicated percentages of a quarter of the aggregate level specified for 1975.
3. When the new Agreement is negotiated it will be made retroactive to 1 January 1975.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt will constitute an Agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Hermann Frederick Eilts
Ambassador

His Excellency
Fathi Matbouli,
Minister of Foreign Trade,
Cairo.

¹See Annex

ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT NOTE

31 December 1974

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 28 December 1974, which reads as follows:

(See Letter No.1)

I have further the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to accept the proposals, of the Government of the United States of America as contained in the above.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Fathi Matbouli

His Excellency,
Hermann Frederick Eilts,
Ambassador of the United States of America
Cairo.

ANNEX

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the Department of State, and has the honour to propose a correction to the agreement concerning Trade in Cotton Textiles between the United States and the Arab Republic of Egypt, signed on 10 May 1974 at Washington, D.C.

Specifically, the levels of trade in categories one through four in calendar year 1974 shall not exceed 20 per cent of the aggregate level for 1975.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.
8 July 1974

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of his note of 8 July 1974 proposing the correction of the Department of State's note of 10 May 1974.

The Department of State's copy of its note of 10 May 1974, will be corrected to read 20 per cent following the entry with respect to textile categories one through four. It is understood that the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt will similarly correct its copy of the note.