

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/303  
16 March 1978

Special Distribution

---

Textiles Surveillance Body

Original: English

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Jamaica

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States concerning a new bilateral cotton, wool and man-made fibre agreement concluded with Jamaica under Article 4 of the Arrangement.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4<sup>1/</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

---

<sup>1/</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

UNITED STATES AND JAMAICA  
SIGN TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Jamaica exchanged notes on November 22, 1977 and December 20, 1977 respectively, to effect a new bilateral agreement concerning trade in textiles and textile products between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

November 22, 1977

His Excellency  
Alfred A. Rattray  
Ambassador of Jamaica

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done at Geneva on December 10, 1973, hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement. I also refer to the discussions between our two Governments in Jamaica on April 14, and 15, 1976 concerning exports of textiles and textile products from Jamaica to the United States. As a result of those discussions and in conformity with Articles 2, 4 and 6 of the Arrangement, I wish to propose the following agreement relating to trade in textiles between Jamaica and the United States.

1. Either Government may at any time request consultations with the other regarding their mutual textile trade.

2. Each Government agrees to respond promptly to requests by the other for consultations and to participate in and conclude such consultations within 60 days of the request, unless the two Governments agree otherwise.

3. In any consultations that may arise, the Government of the United States of America will recognize Jamaica's position as a traditional supplier of textiles and textile products to the United States market and, in addition, will seek to formulate and implement measures which will be in accordance with the principles of the Arrangement and which will enable the Jamaican Textile Industry to implement its plans for expansion of production

and exports to the United States of America in a manner that does not cause or threaten to cause market disruption in the United States of America.

4. If the Government of the United States of America considers that imports from Jamaica in any cotton or man-made fiber category are increasing so as to cause a risk in the United States of market disruption, bearing in mind Annex A of the Arrangement, the Government of the United States of America may request consultations with the Government of Jamaica.

5. When the Government of the United States of America requests such consultations, the Government of Jamaica shall meet promptly with the Government of the United States of America, to work out a mutually satisfactory solution. The consultations shall be concluded within 60 days from the date of the request for such consultations unless the two Governments agree otherwise.

6. During the course of the consultations the Government of Jamaica will limit its exports to the United States in the category or categories affected to a monthly rate equivalent to 120 percent of the average monthly rate of the previous twelve months.

7. Consultations under paragraph 4 will not be requested for any category when imports from Jamaica in such category are at annual levels less than 1,000,000 square yards equivalent for each category other than apparel and 700,000 square yards equivalent for each apparel category.

8. If the two Governments are not able to agree on the level of trade in a particular category, the Government of Jamaica will during the 12 months following the request for consultations restrain its exports to 120 percent of their level for the 12 months preceding the request. The Government of the United States agrees to this provision in the spirit of Article 6, paragraph 3 of the Multifiber Arrangement.

9. In respect to wool textile products, the Government of Jamaica agrees to consult with the Government of the United States of America if it desires to export more than 100,000 square yards annually in any category.

10. During any consultations either Government may request consideration of a mutually acceptable agreement providing quantitative levels covering all or part of their textile trade.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to your Government, this note and your Excellency's note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Jamaica shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments effective on the date of your note of acceptance.

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

For the Secretary of State:

/S/ William Barraclough

UNITED STATES TEXTILE CATEGORY  
SYSTEM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978

Category	Description	Conversion Factor	Unit of Measure
<u>YARN</u>			
-- Cotton			
300	Carded	4.6	Lb.
301	Combed	4.6	Lb.
-- Wool			
400	Tops and yarn	2.0	Lb.
-- Man-made fiber			
600	Textured	3.5	Lb.
601	Cont. cellulosic	5.2	Lb.
602	Cont. noncellulosic	11.6	Lb.
603	Spun cellulosic	3.4	Lb.
604	Spun noncellulosic	4.1	Lb.
605	Other yarns	3.5	Lb.
<u>FABRIC</u>			
-- Cotton			
310	Ginghams	1.0	SYD
311	Velveteens	1.0	SYD
312	Corduroy	1.0	SYD
313	Sheeting	1.0	SYD
314	Broadcloth	1.0	SYD
315	Printcloths	1.0	SYD
316	Shirtings	1.0	SYD
317	Twills and Sateens	1.0	SYD
318	Yarn-dyed	1.0	SYD
319	Duck	1.0	SYD
320	Other fabrics, n.k.	1.0	SYD
-- Wool			
410	Woolens and worsted	1.0	SYD
411	Tapestries and upholstery	1.0	SYD

425	Knit	2.0	Lb.
429	Other Fabrics	1.0	SYD
-- Man-made fiber			
610	Cont. cellulosic, n.k..0	1.0	SYD
611	Spun cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	SYD
612	Cont. noncellulosic, n.k.	1.0	SYD
613	Spun noncellulosic, n.k.	1.0	SYD
614	Other fabrics, n.k.	1.0	SYD
625	Knit	7.8	Lb.
626	Pile and tufted	1.0	SYD
627	Specialty	7.8	Lb.
<u>APPAREL</u>			
-- Cotton			
330	Handkerchiefs	1.7	Dz.
331	Gloves	3.5	DPR
332	Hosiery	4.6	DPR
333	Suit-type coats, M and B	36.2	Dz.
334	Other coats, M and B	41.3	Dz.
335	Coats, W, G and I	41.3	Dz.
336	Dresses (inc. uniforms)	45.3	Dz.
337	Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits, creepers	25.0	Dz.
338	Knit shirts, (inc. T-shirts, other and sweatshirts) M and B	7.2	Dz.
339	Knit shirts and blouses (inc. T-shirts, other & sweatshirts) W, G and I	7.2	Dz.
340	Shirts, n.k.	24.0	Dz.
341	Blouses, n.k.	14.5	Dz.
342	Skirts	17.8	Dz.
345	Sweaters	36.8	Dz.
347	Trousers, slacks, and shorts (outer) M and B	17.8	Dz.
348	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) W, G and I	17.8	Dz.
349	Brassieres, etc.	4.8	Dz.
350	Dressing gowns, inc. bathrobes, and beach robes, lounging gowns house coats, and dusters	51.0	Dz.
351	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	Dz.
352	Underwear (inc. union suits)	11.0	Dz.
359	Other apparel	4.6	Lb.

	-- Wool		
431	Gloves	2.1	DPR
432	Hosiery	2.8	DPR
433	Suit-type coats, M and B	3.0	No.
434	Other coats, M and B	4.5	No.
435	Coats, W, G and I	4.5	No.
436	Dresses	4.1	No.
438	Knit shirts and blouses	15.0	Dz.
440	Shirts and blouses, n.k.	24.0	Dz.
442	Skirts	1.5	No.
443	Suits, M and B	4.5	No.
444	Suits, W, G and I	4.5	No.
445	Sweaters, M and B	36.8	Dz.
446	Sweaters, W, G and I	36.8	Dz.
447	Trousers, slacks, and shorts (outer)		
	M and B	1.5	No.
448	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer)		
	W, G and I	1.5	No.
459	Other wool apparel	2.0	Lb.
	-- Man-made fiber		
630	Handkerchiefs	1.7	Dz.
631	Gloves	3.5	DPR
632	Hosiery	4.6	DPR
633	Suit-type coats, M and B	36.2	Dz.
634	Other coats, M and B	41.3	Dz.
635	Coats, W, G and I	41.3	Dz.
636	Dresses	45.3	Dz.
637	Playsuits, sunsuits, washesuits, etc.	21.3	Dz.
638	Knit shirts, (inc. T- shirts), M and B	18.0	Dz.
639	Knit shirts and blouses (inc. T-shirts), W, G and I	15.0	Dz.
640	Shirts, n.k.	24.0	Dz.
641	Blouses, n.k.	14.5	Dz.
642	Skirts	17.8	Dz.
643	Suits, M and B	4.5	No.
644	Suits, W, G and I	4.5	No.
645	Sweaters, M and B	36.8	Dz.
646	Sweaters W, G and I	36.8	Dz.
647	Trousers, slacks, and shorts (outer), M and B	17.8	Dz.
648	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), W, G and I	17.8	Dz.
649	Brassieres, Etc.	4.8	Dz.

650	Dressing gowns, inc. bath and beach robes	51.0	Dz.
651	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	Dz.
652	Underwear	16.0	Dz.
659	Other apparel	7.8	Lb.
	<u>MADE-UPS AND MISC.</u>		
	-- Cotton		
360	Pillowcases	1.1	No.
361	Sheets	6.2	No.
362	Bedspreads and quilts	6.9	No.
363	Terry and other pile towels	0.5	No.
369	Other cotton manufactures	4.6	Lb.
	-- Wool		
464	Blankets and auto robes	1.3	Lb.
465	Floor covering	0.1	SFT
469	Other wool manufactures	2.0	Lb.
	-- Man-made fiber		
665	Floor coverings	0.1	SFT
666	Other furnishings	7.8	Lb.
669	Other man-made manufactures	7.8	Lb.

JAMAICA NOTE

December 20, 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of November 22, 1977, relating to trade in textiles and textile products from Jamaica to the United States of America.

I further have the honour to inform you that the proposals set forth in your Note conform with the understanding of the Government of Jamaica and to confirm that your Note and this reply constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

/S/ Alfred A. Rattray  
Ambassador

The Honourable  
Cyrus Vance  
Secretary of State of the  
United States of America  
WASHINGTON, D.C.