

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Singapore

The TSB has received from the United States a notification concerning a new agreement concluded under Article 4 of the MFA with Singapore, valid for the period 1 January 1982-31 December 1985.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4<sup>2</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The previous agreement with Singapore, and subsequent amendments, are contained in COM.TEX/SB/399, 400, 464, 495, 528, 567, 584, 621, 642 and 763. A visa agreement between the United States and Singapore was notified, under Article 8:4 of the MFA, in COM.TEX/SB/646.

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

<sup>3</sup>The TSB's observations on this new agreement are contained in COM.TEX/SB/772, paragraphs 7 and 8.

UNITED STATES NOTE

Singapore, August 21, 1981

His Excellency  
Tony Tan Keng Yam  
Minister for Trade and Industry  
Republic of Singapore

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by protocol adopted on December 14, 1977 at Geneva (hereinafter referred to as "The Arrangement").

I have also the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of the United States of America in Geneva from July 15 to July 19, 1981 concerning exports to the United States of America of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in the Republic of Singapore. As a result of these discussions, and in conformity with Article 4 of the Arrangement, I have the honor to propose on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the following Agreement relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products between the Republic of Singapore and the United States of America:

1. The term of this Agreement shall be the four-year period from January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1985. Each "Agreement Year" shall be a calendar year, with the first Agreement Year commencing on January 1, 1982 and ending on December 31, 1982.

2. Textile and textile products covered by this Agreement shall be classified in three groups, as follows:

GROUP

DEFINITION

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| I   | Yarns, fabrics, made-up goods and miscellaneous textile products of cotton and man-made fibers (Categories 300-320, 360-369, 600-627, 665-669). |
| II  | Apparel of cotton and man-made fibers (Categories 330-359, 630-659).  |
| III | Wool textiles and textile products (Categories 400-469).  |

The determination of whether a textile or textile product is of cotton, wool, or man-made fiber shall be made in accordance with the terms of paragraph 9. The categories referred to in the above definitions of groups are those summarized in Annex A.

3. (a) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement except as set out in subparagraph 3 (b).

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, and in recognition of the patterns of trade of the Republic of Singapore with the United States of America, the categories below are merged as indicated and treated as single Categories and Sub-categories with Specific limits for Categories and Sub-limits for Sub-categories as set out in Annex B:

Categories Merged	Designation in Agreement	Sub-Categories
333, 334, 335	333/334/335	333;334;335
338, 339	338/339	338;339
347, 348	347/348	347;348
445, 446	445/446	None
633, 634, 635	633/634/635	633;634;635
638, 639	638/639	638
643, 644	643/644	643; 643 not knit; 644
647, 648	647/648	647

For purposes of computing charges to Aggregate, Group and Specific Limits and Sub-limits for the Categories and Sub-categories cited above, rates of conversion for individual Categories set out in Annex A shall be applied.

4. Commencing with the first Agreement Year, and during the subsequent term of this Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall limit annual exports from the Republic of Singapore to the United States of America of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in the Republic of Singapore to the Aggregate, Group and Specific Limits and Sub-limits set out in Annex B, as such limits may be adjusted in accordance with paragraphs 6, 7 and 8. The limits set out in Annex B do not include any adjustments permitted under paragraphs 6, 7 or 8.

5. Categories not given Specific Limits are subject to Consultation Levels and to the Aggregate and applicable Group Limits. In the event the Government of the Republic of Singapore wishes to permit exports to the United States of America in any category in excess of the applicable Consultation Level during any Agreement Year, the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall request consultations with the Government of the United States of America on this question and the Government of the United States of America shall enter into such consultations. Until agreement on a different level of exports is reached, the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall limit exports to the United States of America in the Category

in question to the Consultation Level. For each Agreement Year, the Minimum Consultation Level for each Category not given a Specific Limit shall be 1,000,000 square yards equivalent for categories in Group I, 700,000 square yards equivalent for categories in Group II, and 100,000 square yards equivalent for categories in Group III. Annual Consultation Levels above these stated amounts are specified in Annex C hereto.

6. During any Agreement Year, and within the Aggregate Limit for such Agreement Year, the Group Limits set out in Annex B applicable to such Agreement Year may be exceeded by not more than fifteen percent in the case of Group I, by not more than seven percent in the case of Group II, and by not more than one percent in the case of Group III. Adjustments made pursuant to this paragraph are in addition to those pursuant to paragraph 8.

7. During any Agreement Year, and within the Aggregate and applicable Group Limits for such Agreement Year, as they may be adjusted pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 8, any Specific Limit or Sub-limit set out in Annex B may be exceeded by not more than:

ten percent if included within Group I  
seven percent if included within Group II  
five percent if included within Group III.

8. (a) In any Agreement Year, in addition to any adjustment pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7, exports may exceed by a maximum of eleven percent the Aggregate Limit and any Group or Specific Limit or Sub-limit by allocating to such Limit for that Agreement Year an unused portion of the corresponding Limit for the previous Agreement Year ("Carryover") or a portion of the corresponding Limit for the succeeding agreement year ("Carry Forward") subject to the following conditions:

(i) Carryover may be utilized as available up to eleven percent of the receiving Agreement Year's applicable Limits; provided, however, that no Carryover shall be available for application during the first Agreement Year;

(ii) The combination of Carryover and Carry Forward shall not exceed eleven percent of the receiving Agreement Year's applicable limit in any Agreement Year;



(iii) Carry Forward may be utilized up to six percent of the receiving Agreement Year's applicable Limit and shall be charged against the immediately following Agreement Year's corresponding Limit;

(iv) Carryover of Shortfall (as defined in sub-paragraph 8 (b)) shall not be applied to any Specific Limits until the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Singapore have agreed upon the amounts involved.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, a Shortfall occurs when exports of textiles or textile products of the Republic of Singapore to the United States of America during an Agreement Year are below the Aggregate Limit and any applicable Group Limit, Specific Limit or Sub-limit. In the Agreement Year following the Shortfall, such exports from the Republic of Singapore to the United States of America may be permitted to exceed the Aggregate, Group, and Specific Limits and Sub-limits, subject to conditions of sub-paragraph 8 (a) by Carryover of Shortfalls in the following manner:

(i) The Carryover shall not exceed the amount of shortfall in either the Aggregate Limit or any applicable Group or Specific Limit or Sub-limit;

(ii) In the case of Shortfall in a Category or Sub-category subject to a Specific Limit or Sub-limit, the Shortfall shall be used in the Category or Sub-category in which the shortfall occurred; and

(iii) In the case of Shortfalls not attributable to Categories or Sub-categories subject to Specific Limits or Sub-limits, the Carryover shall be used in the same Group in which the Shortfall occurred.

(iv) The aggregate Limit or any applicable Group or Specific Limit or Sub-limit in which the Shortfall occurred shall be decreased by the amount used to exceed the following year's Limit.

(c) The Limits referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph are without any adjustment under this paragraph or paragraphs 6 or 7.

(d) The total adjustment under this paragraph shall be in addition to adjustments to the Limits permitted by paragraphs 6 and 7.

(e) The total adjustment permissible under this paragraph for the first Agreement Year shall be six percent, consisting solely of Carry Forward.

9. (a) Tops, yarns, piece goods, made-up articles, garments and other textile manufactured products, all being products which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components, of cotton, wool, or man-made fibers, or blends thereof, in which any or all of those fibers represent either the chief value of the fibers or fifty percent or more by weight (or seventeen percent more by weight of wool) of the product, are subject to this Agreement.

(b) For the purpose of this Agreement, textile products shall be classified as cotton, wool or man-made fiber textiles if wholly or in chief value of any of these fibers. Any products covered by subparagraphs 9 (a) but not in chief value of cotton, wool or man-made fiber shall be classified as:

(i) Cotton textiles if containing fifty percent or more by weight of cotton, or if the cotton component exceeds by weight the wool and/or the man-made fiber component;

(ii) Wool textiles if not cotton, and wool equals or exceeds seventeen percent by weight of all component fibers; and

(iii) Man-made fiber textiles if neither of the foregoing applies.

10. In conformity with Article 8 of the Arrangement, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall cooperate to avoid circumvention of the Agreement.

11. Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this Agreement, including differences in points of procedure or operation.

12. (a) The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of the Republic of Singapore with data on monthly imports of cotton, man-made fiber and wool textiles and textile products into the United States of America from the Republic of Singapore.

(b) The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall promptly supply the Government of the United States of America with data on monthly exports of cotton, man-made fiber and wool textiles and textile products from the Republic of Singapore to the United States of America.

(c) Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other available statistical data necessary to the implementation of this Agreement requested by the other Government.

13. The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall use its best efforts to space exports from the Republic of Singapore to the United States of America within each Category or Sub-category evenly throughout each Agreement Year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

14. If the Government of the Republic of Singapore considers that, as a result of limitations specified in this Agreement, it is being placed in an inequitable position vis-a-vis a third country, the Government of the Republic of Singapore may request consultations with the Government of the United States of America with a view to taking appropriate remedial action such as reasonable modification of this Agreement.

15. For the duration of this Agreement, the Government of the United States of America shall not invoke the procedures of Article 3 of The Arrangement to request restraint on the export of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the Republic of Singapore to the United States of America. Each Government reserves its rights under The Arrangement with respect to textiles and textile products not subject to this Agreement.

16. The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall administer its export control system under this

Agreement. The Government of the United States of America may assist the Government of the Republic of Singapore in implementing the limitation provisions in this Agreement.

17. In conformity with Article 12, paragraph (3) of The Arrangement, this Agreement shall not apply to export of hand-loom fabrics of the cottage industry of Singapore, or handmade (i.e., hand cut or hand sewn) cottage industry products made of such handloom fabrics in Singapore, or to folklore handicraft (i.e., hand cut or hand sewn) textile products traditional to Singapore, provided that such products are properly certified under arrangements established between the two Governments pursuant to paragraphs 11 or 19.

18. Exports of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products in shipments individually valued at less than US\$250.00 shall not be charged to the limits of this Agreement.

19. The visa system established by letters dated August 19, 1981 between the Government of the United States and the Government of Singapore shall remain in force subject to paragraph 11.

20. (a) The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Singapore

agree to consult, upon the request of either Government, on any question arising in the implementation of this Agreement.

(b) The two Governments agree to undertake a major review of this Agreement within six months after the end of the second Agreement Year.

21. Either Government may terminate this Agreement effective at the end of any Agreement Year by written notice to the other Government to be given at least 90 days prior to the end of such Agreement Year. Either Government may at any time propose revisions in the terms of this Agreement.

If the foregoing conforms with the understanding of the Government of the Republic of Singapore, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

Ambassador William E. Brock  
United States Trade Representative

ANNEX A

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 yarns	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	Woolen 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. celluloisic, n.k.	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.

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-- 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 (incl. uniforms)	45.3	Oz.
337	Playsuits, sunsuits, washesuits, creepers	25.0	Oz.
338	Knit shirts, (inc. T- shirts, other and sweatshirts) M and B	7.2	Oz.
339	Knit shirts and blouses (inc. T-shirts, other sweatshirts) W, G and I	7.2	Oz.
340	Shirts, n.k.	24.0	Oz.
341	Blouses, n.k.	14.5	Oz.
342	Skirts	17.8	Oz.
345	Sweaters	36.8	Oz.
347	Trousers, slacks, and shorts (outer) M and B	17.8	Oz.
348	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) W, G and I	17.8	Oz.
349	Brassieres, etc.	4.8	Oz.
350	Dressing gowns, incl. bathrobes, and beach robes, lounging gowns house coats, and dusters	51.0	Oz.
351	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	Oz.

352	Underwear (incl. 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	36.0	Dz.
434	Other coats, M and B	54.0	Dz.
435	Coats, W, G and I	54.0	Dz.
436	Dresses	49.2	Dz.
438	Knit shirts and blouses.	15.0	Dz.
440	Shirts and blouses, n.k.	24.0	Dz.
442	Skirts	18.0	Dz.
443	Suits, M and B	54.0	Dz.
444	Suits, W, G and I	54.0	Dz.
445	Sweaters, M and B	14.88	Dz.
446	Sweaters, W, G and I	14.88	Dz.
447	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) M and B	18.0	Dz.
448	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) W, G and I	18.0	Dz.
459	Other wool apparel	2.0	Lb.
	-- Man-made fiber		
630	Handkerchiefs	1.7	Dz.

631	Gloves	3.5	DPR
632	Hosiery	4.6	PR.
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, (incl. T- shirts) M and B	18.0	Dz.
639	Knit shirts and blouses (incl. 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	54.0	Dz.
644	Suits, W, G and I	54.0	Dz.
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, incl.		
	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.
MADE-UPS AND MISC.			
-- Cotton			
360	Pillowcases	1.1	No.
361	Sheets	6.2	No.
362	Bedspreads and quilts	6.2	No.
363	Terry and other pile		
	towels	0.5	No.
369	Other cotton manu-		
	factures	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.

ANNEX B

Aggregate, Group, Specific Limits and Sub-Limits

Category	Description	Units	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
			1982	1983	1984
AGGREGATE		SYE	295,641,376	314,118,962	333,751,397
Group I					
--Non-Apparel		SYE	66,279,961	70,451,555	74,885,706
Group II					
--Apparel		SYE	226,792,870	241,080,821	256,268,912
Group III					
--Wool		SYE	3,579,055	3,614,846	3,650,994
333/4/5	Coats	Doz.	182,326	191,443	201,015
(333)	M&B suits	Doz.	10,484	11,008	11,559
(334)	M&B other	Doz.	55,354	58,122	61,028
(335)	Coats, WG&I	Doz.	143,837	151,029	158,581
338/9	Knit shirts & blouses	Doz.	607,754	638,141	670,040
(338)	M&B	Doz.	345,416	362,687	380,822
(339)	WG&I	Doz.	404,672	424,906	446,151
340	Woven shirts	Doz.	425,428	446,699	469,034
347/8	Trousers	Doz.	607,754	638,141	670,048
(347)	Trousers, M&B	Doz.	523,427	549,598	577,078
(348)	Trousers, WG&I	Doz.	236,264	248,077	260,481
434	Other Coats, M&B	Doz.	31,210	31,530	31,846
(434 PT.)	Other Coats, other than CPO jackets, M&B	Doz.	3,746	3,783	3,821
604	Spun, Non-cellulosic Yarn	Lb.	1,155,000	1,212,750	1,273,388
633/4/5	Coats	Doz.	486,203	510,512	536,038
(633)	Suits, M&B	Doz.	25,855	27,148	28,504
(634)	Other coats, M&B	Doz.	211,607	222,187	233,296
(635)	Coats, WG&I	Doz.	270,329	283,845	298,038
638/9	Knit shirts & blouses	Doz.	3,061,384	3,153,225	3,247,822
(638)	Knit shirts, M&B	Doz.	382,673	394,153	405,978
643/4	Suits	Doz.	289,011	303,462	318,634
(643)	Suits, M&B	Doz.	49,813	52,304	54,919
(643)	Suits, M&B, Woven	Doz.	13,611	14,292	15,006
(644)	Suits, WG&I	Doz.	263,118	276,274	290,087
647/8	Trousers	Doz.	1,640,934	1,722,980	1,809,129
(647)	Trousers, M&B	Doz.	211,690	222,273	233,388

Fourth Year  
1985

354,610,850

79,598,937

272,413,584

3,687,534

211,065

12,137

64,079

166,510

703,551

399,863

468,459

492,486

703,551

605,932

273,505

32,164

3,860

1,337,057

562,840

29,930

244,961

312,939

3,345,256

418,157

334,566

57,665

15,757

304,592

1,899,586

245,057

ANNEX C

Designated Consultation Levels

Category	Description	Units	Level
313.	Sheeting	SYD	10,000,000
314	Broadcloth	SYD	5,000,000
317	Twill and sateen	SYD	8,000,000
319	Duck	SYD	3,000,000
320	Woven fabric, n.e.s.	SYD	6,000,000
351	Nightwear	Dz.	281,295
369	Other cotton manufactures	Lbs.	3,043,478
445/446	Sweaters	Dz.	20,000
600	Textured yarn	Lbs.	857,143
625	Knit fabric	Lbs.	1,000,000
646	Sweaters, women, girls and infants	Dz.	100,000
659	Other apparel	Lbs.	1,200,000



SINGAPORE NOTE

August 21, 1981

His Excellency  
William E. Brock  
United States Trade Representative  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D.C.

Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of 21 August 1981 proposing an Agreement relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products between the Republic of Singapore and the United States of America, which reads as follows:

(Text of United States Note)

I have further the honour to confirm that Your Excellency's proposal is acceptable to my Government and that Your Excellency's Note and this Note in reply thereto shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments.

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

  
DR. TONY TAN KENG YAM  
MINISTER FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY

21 August 1981