

# 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 India

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of a new bilateral agreement with India, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures 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 bilateral agreement and subsequent modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/315, 340, 356, 394, 462, 489, 530, 582, 669, 705, 726 and 773.

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

<sup>3</sup> For the TSB's observations on this modification, see COM.TEX/SB/869, paragraphs 12 to 15.

UNITED STATES NOTE

December 21, 1982

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 the Protocol adopted on December 22, 1981 at Geneva (hereinafter referred to as "the Arrangement"). I have also the honor to refer to various discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India concerning exports of Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile products from India to the United States of America. As a result of those discussions, I have the honor to propose the following Agreement under Article 4 of the Arrangement relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India.

1. (a) This Agreement will apply for four calendar year periods commencing on January 1, 1983 and ending on December 31, 1986. For the period August 1 to December 31, 1986 this Agreement is subject to both parties being free to request, at any time, consultations with a view to proposing revisions in the light of any successor agreement to the Arrangement.

(b) This Agreement may be extended by mutual consent to apply for a fifth year commencing on January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987 subject to any modifications which either side may propose in the light of any successor agreement to the Arrangement.

2. For purposes of this Agreement, the expression "textiles" will have the meaning ascribed to the expression in Article 12.1 of the Arrangement.

His Excellency  
Kocharil Raman Narayanan  
Ambassador of India

(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, man-made fibers or blends thereof, in which any or all of those fibers in combination represent either the chief value of the fibers or fifty percent (50%) or more by weight (or seventeen percent (17%) or more by weight of wool) of the product, are subject to the terms of this Agreement.

(b) For purposes 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 in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph but not in chief value of cotton, wool or man-made fiber shall be classified as:

(i) Cotton textiles, if containing fifty percent (50%) or more by weight of cotton, or if the cotton component exceeds by weight the wool and/or the man-made fiber content.

(ii) Wool textiles, if not cotton, and the wool equals or exceeds seventeen percent (17%) by weight of all component fibers.

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

3. (a) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent (SYE) listed in Annex "A" shall apply in implementing this Agreement, except as provided for in paragraph 11 below.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, the categories listed below are merged and treated as single categories as indicated:

<u>Categories merged</u>	<u>Designation in the Agreement</u>
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(i) 338, 339 and 340	338/339/340
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(ii) 347 and 348	347/348
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4. Textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement will be classified in two groups, as follows:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Definition</u>
I	Yarns, fabrics, made-up goods and miscellaneous textile products of cotton, wool and man-made fiber (categories 300-320, 360-369, 400-429, 460-469, 600-627, 660-669)
II	Apparel products of cotton, wool and man-made fibers (categories 330-359, 431-459, 630-659)

5. For the duration of this Agreement, the Government of India will restrain its exports to the United States of America of the textiles and textile products described in Annex "B" to the limits and applicable growth rates specified therein, as modified by paragraphs 11 and 12 below.

6. (a) In accordance with Article 12, paragraph 3 of the Arrangement, handloom fabrics of the cottage industry, hand-made cottage industry products made of such handloom fabrics and "India Items" will not be subject to the provisions of this Agreement, provided such products conform to the descriptions set out in Annex "C" and are certified by the competent Indian authorities in accordance with the provisions of the mutually agreed visa and certification systems. A list of "India Items" which are traditional folklore handicraft textiles products, is appended to this Agreement at Annex "D". Additional items may subsequently be added to this list by mutual agreement.

(b) In recognition of the difficulties that may arise in classifying certain "India Items", both parties agree to consult where differences of opinion may occur.

7. The mutually agreed visa and certification systems to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement are attached as Annex "E".

8. For purposes of implementing this Agreement, date of export from the Republic of India will be used to determine the Agreement year to which textiles and textile products subject to this Agreement will be charged.

9. The Government of India will maintain a control system to regulate its exports of textiles and textile products under the provisions of this Agreement. The Government of the United States of America will admit imports of textiles and textile products subject to limits under the provisions of this Agreement, up to the applicable limits, including adjustments in accordance with paragraphs 11 and 12 below, provided they are authorized by the competent Indian authorities in accordance with the visa and certification systems at Annex "E".

10. (a) Imports from India in excess of applicable limits, as adjusted pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 12 below, in any Agreement year may be denied entry into the United States. Any such shipments denied entry may be permitted entry into the United States in the succeeding Agreement year. Any shipments in excess of applicable limits for any agreement year will be charged to the applicable limits for the succeeding year pending:

(i) exchange of relevant information between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India with a view to facilitating the identification of discrepancies, if any, between the data maintained by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India; and

(ii) consultations as provided for in paragraph 17 below with a view to resolution of the problem, including adjustment of charges to the relevant limits, if necessary.

(b) Pending the conclusion of consultations under sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 16 below, exports from India in excess of the level referred to in sub-paragraph (d) thereof may be denied entry by the Government of the United States of America.

11. (a) During any Agreement year and within the Group Limit for such Agreement year, if applicable, the Specific Limits set out in Annex "B" applicable to such Agreement year may be exceeded by not more than the percent shown in column E thereof, provided that the amount of the increase in one Specific Limit is compensated for by an equivalent decrease, in terms of square yards equivalent, in another Specific Limit within the same Group. Adjustments made pursuant to this paragraph are in addition to those pursuant to paragraph 12 below.

(b) For purposes of this paragraph, the conversion factor for the merged category 338/339/340 shall be 21.8 square yards equivalent per dozen. Either Government may request, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 17 below, revisions in the conversion factor for the merged category 338/339/340. Such a request shall be based on a change in the distribution of trade between these categories and the revised conversion factor shall be based on the weighted average of individual conversion factors applicable to these categories. In such an event, the revised conversion factor will be applied beginning in the Agreement year succeeding the one in which the revision is effected.

12. (a) In any Agreement year, in addition to any adjustment pursuant to paragraphs 10 (overshipments) and 11 (swing) above, exports may exceed the Group and Specific Limits set out in Annex "B" applicable for such Agreement year as follows:

(i) by a maximum of 11% of the receiving Agreement year's applicable limits, by allocating to those limits an unused portion, that is shortfall, of the corresponding applicable limits for the previous Agreement year, which will be decreased by the same amount (carryover);

(ii) by a maximum of 6% of the receiving Agreement year's applicable limits, by allocating to those limits a portion of the corresponding applicable limits for the succeeding Agreement year, which will be deducted from the succeeding Agreement year's applicable limits (carry-forward);



(iii) the combination of carryover and carry-forward may not exceed 11% of the receiving Agreement year's relevant applicable limits in any Agreement year.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, applicable limits are base restraint levels established under the Agreement increased by applicable growth rates.

(c) (i) Unused portions of any applicable group and specific limits for the Agreement year from January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1982 (as covered by the preceding Agreement) may be carried over and added to the applicable group and specific limits for the Agreement year commencing on January 1, 1983.

(ii) Portions of any applicable group and specific limits for the Agreement year commencing on January 1, 1983 may be carried forward and added to the applicable group and specific limits for the Agreement year from January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1982 (as covered by the preceding Agreement).

(iii) The percentage limits and conditions applicable to (i) and (ii) above will be as set out in subparagraph (a) above.

13. (a) The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of India with data on monthly imports of cotton, man-made fiber and wool

textiles and textile products into the United States of America from India for categories and groups for which limits are established under this Agreement.

(b) The Government of India 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 India to the United States of America for categories and groups for which limits are established under this Agreement.

(c) Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other relevant available statistical data requested by the other Government.

14. Until systems are developed to resolve data discrepancies expeditiously, such discrepancies will be resolved through consultations in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 17 below. In such consultations the date of consignment to the carrier will be taken into consideration.

15. The Government of India will endeavour to ensure that exports of all textiles and textile products under restraint are spaced as evenly as possible during each restraint period, taking into account normal seasonal factors.

16. Exports of textiles and textile products from India to the United States of America in categories listed in Annex "A" to this Agreement and not subject to specific limits are subject to the consultation mechanism set forth below:

- (a) In the event that the Government of the United States of America believes that, in relation to exports from India, in any category or categories not subject to specific limits under this Agreement a situation of market disruption or threat thereof has arisen, the Government of the United States of America may request consultations with the Government of India with a view to ameliorating or avoiding such market disruption. The statistics used shall be those recorded in U.S. General Imports.
- (b) Any request for consultations made by the Government of the United States of America shall be accompanied by the latest available and relevant specific factual information which, in the view of the Government of the United States of America, demonstrates the existence of a situation of market disruption or the threat thereof and the real and actual role of exports from India in that disruption.
- (c) The Government of India shall respond promptly to the request for consultations. Both sides agree to make every effort to reach agreement on a mutually satisfactory resolution of the issue within 90 days of the receipt of the request for consultations.

- (d) During the 90 day consultation period if, in the opinion of the Government of the United States of America, imports from India in the category or categories in question would, in relation to market disruption, give rise to damage difficult to repair, the Government of India agrees, if so requested by the Government of the United States of America and without prejudice to the outcome of the consultations, to hold its exports to the United States in the category or categories subject to these consultations to a level no greater than 35 percent of the amount entered from India, as reported in U.S. General Imports during the first 12 of the most recent 14 months preceding the month in which the request for consultations was made. This amount will be adjusted to exclude trade in items which are exempt from the provisions of this Agreement.
- (e) During the consultations the two Governments agree that they shall also take into account the following factors:
- (i) the factors listed in paragraph III of "Annex A" of the Arrangement; and
  - (ii) the provisions of the Arrangement, in particular those of Articles 4 and 6, and the provisions of paragraph 12 of the December 22, 1981 Protocol of Extension.

(f) In the event that consultations do not result in a mutually satisfactory solution within 90 days of the receipt of the request for consultations, the Government of the United States of America may request the Government of India to limit its further exports of the products in the category or categories in question to such a level that exports from the date of receipt of the request for consultations until the end of the Agreement year do not exceed a level prorated as set out in sub-paragraph (g) below. The annual base level shall not be less than the higher of:

- (i) the highest level of exports from India to the United States of America in the category or categories in question in any previous calendar year since January 1, 1978; or
- (ii) the amount entered from India, as reported in U.S. General Imports, during the first 12 of the most recent 14 months preceding the month in which the request for consultations was made, plus 20 percent for cotton and man-made fiber products and 6 percent for wool products.

The provisions of (i) above will, however, not apply to non-apparel categories. Both (i) and (ii) above will be adjusted to exclude trade in items which are exempt from the provisions of this Agreement. The Government of India agrees that it will honor such a request.

(g) Pursuant to sub-paragraph (f) above, if the Government of the United States of America requests the Government of India to restrain its exports during an Agreement year, the level at which the Government of India may be asked to restrain its exports shall be prorated to correspond to the number of months between the receipt of the request for consultations and the end of that Agreement year.

(h) Pursuant to sub-paragraphs (f) and (g) above, the Government of the United States of America may establish a Specific Limit for the category or categories in question, which shall not be less than the level provided for therein.

(i) Swing of 7% for cotton and man-made fiber products and 5% for wool products will be available in the Agreement year in which the Specific Limit is established and in each succeeding Agreement year.

(ii) Any Specific Limit established under the provisions of this sub-paragraph will be eligible for carryover and carryforward in accordance with the provisions of subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 12, above.

(iii) For the Agreement year following that in which the request for consultations is made, and for each succeeding Agreement year, the annual

base level described in sub-paragraph (f) shall be increased by seven percent annual growth for cotton and man-made fiber products and one percent growth for wool products.

(i) It is agreed that consultations under this paragraph will be approached by both sides in a manner consistent with the principles and objectives of the Arrangement.

17. (a) Either Government has the right to request consultations with the other Government on any matter arising from the implementation or operation of this Agreement or on any matter germane thereto. Such consultations will be governed by the following:

- Any request for consultations will be notified in writing to the other Government;
- The request for consultations will be accompanied by a statement setting out the reasons and circumstances which, in the opinion of the requesting Government, justify the submission of such a request;
- The other Government will respond promptly to the request for consultations;
- Both Governments will enter into consultations with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable conclusion within thirty days of the date on which actual consultations commence.

- (b) Any consultations held under these provisions will be approached by both Governments in a spirit of cooperation and with a desire to reconcile the differences between them.

18. In conformity with Article 8 of the Arrangement, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India shall cooperate to avoid circumvention of this Agreement.

19. Each Government reserves its rights under the Arrangement with respect to textiles and textile products not subject to this Agreement. For textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement, it is agreed that either of the parties may have recourse to any and all of the provisions of the Arrangement, save that the Government of the United States of America waives its rights under Article 3 of the Arrangement with respect to products covered by this Agreement as long as this Agreement remains in effect.

20. Either Government may at any time propose revisions to the terms of this Agreement having regard to the provisions of the Arrangement. Each Government agrees to consult promptly with the other Government about such proposals with a view to making such revisions to this Agreement, or taking such other appropriate action as may be mutually agreed upon.



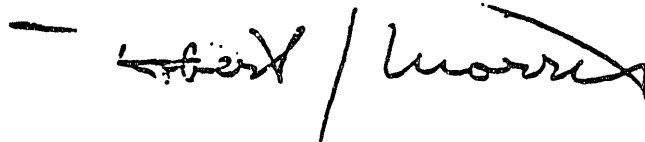
21. Annexes "A" to "E" shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

22. 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 ninety (90) days prior to the end of the Agreement year.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of India, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of India shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on January 1, 1983.

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

For the Secretary of State:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. R. Brock" or similar, written over a horizontal line.

ANNEX "A"

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
<u>YARN</u>			
<u>Cotton</u>			
300	Carded	4.6	LB.
301	Combed	4.6	LB.
<u>Wool</u>			
400	Tops and Yarn	2.0	LB.
<u>Man-made Fiber</u>			
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>			
<u>Cotton</u>			
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.
<u>Wool</u>			
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.

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M and B = Men's and Boys'  
W, G and I = Women's, Girls' and Infants  
n.k. = not knit

ANNEX "A"

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
<u>Man-made Fiber</u>			
610	Continuous Cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	SYD.
611	Spun cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	SYD.
612	Continuous Non-cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	SYD.
613	Spun Non-cellulosic, 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 Cotton</u>			
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 (including uniforms)	45.3	DZ.
337	Playsuits, Sun suits, Washsuits, Creepers, Rompers, etc.	25.0	DZ.
338	Knit Shirts (including T-shirts, other and Sweatshirts) M and B	7.2	DZ.
339	Knit Shirts and Blouses (including T-shirts, other and 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, Including Bath- robes, and Beach Robes, Lounging gowns, House Coats, and Dusters	51.0	DZ.
351	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	DZ.
352	Underwear (including Union Suits)	11.0	DZ.
353	Down and Feather filled Coats, Jackets, Vests M and B	41.3	DZ.
354	Down and Feather filled Coats, Jackets, Vests W, G and I	41.3	DZ.
359	Other Apparel	4.6	LB.

ANNEX "A"

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
<u>Wool</u>			
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.
<u>Man-made Fiber</u>			
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 (including T-Shirts), M and B	18.0	DZ.
639	Knit Shirts and Blouses (including 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.

ANNEX "A"

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
<u>Man-made Fiber (cont.)</u>			
648	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), W, G and I	17.8	DZ.
649	Brassieres, etc.	4.8	DZ.
650	Dressing Gowns, including Bathrobes and Beach Robes	51.0	DZ.
651	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	DZ.
652	Underwear	16.0	DZ.
653	Down and Feather-filled coats, jackets, vests, M and B	41.3	DZ.
654	Down and Feather-filled coats, jackets, vests, W, G and I	41.3	DZ.
659	Other apparel	7.8	Lb.
<u>MADE-UPS AND MISC.</u>			
<u>Cotton</u>			
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.
<u>Wool</u>			
464	Blankets and Auto Robes	1.3	Lb.
465	Floor Coverings	0.1	SFt.
469	Other Wool Manufactures	2.0	Lb.
<u>Man-made Fiber</u>			
665	Floor Coverings	0.1	SFt.
666	Other Furnishings	7.8	Lb.
669	Other Man-Made Manufactures excluding Luggage, Handbags and Flat Goods, wholly or in part of Braid; other Man-made Fiber Handbags; other Man-made Fiber luggage; and other Flat goods of Materials other than cotton.	7.8	Lb.

ANNEX "B" RESTRAINT LEVELS

(A) CATEGORY/GROUP NUMBER	(B) PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	(C) BASE LEVEL FOR FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR	(D) Growth	(E) Swing
Group I	Yarns, fabrics, made-up goods and miscellaneous textile products of cotton, wool and man-made fiber (categories 300-320, 360-369, 400-429, 460-469, 600-627, 660-669).	---	---	---
333	Terry and other Pile Towels.	15,000,000 (No)	7%	---
Group II	Apparel products of cotton, wool and man-made fibers (categories 330-359, 431-459, 630-659)	100,000,000 (Square Yards Equivalent)	7%	---
335	Coats, Women's, Girls' and Infants'	130,000 (DOZ)	6%	6%
336	Dresses	235,895 (DOZ)	7%	7%
338/339/340	Knit Shirts, Men's and Boys', Women's, Girls' and Infants'. Men's and Boys' Shirts not knit	1,065,780 (DOZ)	3%	6%
341	Women's, Girls' and Infants' Blouses, not knit	2,332,595 (DOZ)	3%	5%
2	Skirts	310,866 (DOZ)	6%	7%
347/348	Trousers, Men's and Boys', Trousers, Women's, Girls' and Infants'	200,000 (DOZ)	7%	7%

ANNEX "C"

1. The exemption provided for in paragraph 6 of the Agreement shall apply only to the following products:

- (a) Handloom fabrics of the cottage industry of India.
- (b) Hand-made textile products made in the cottage industry of India from fabrics referred to in (a) above.
- (c) Hand-made apparel products made in the cottage industry of India from fabrics referred to in (a) above.
- (d) Traditional folklore handicraft textiles products made in the cottage industry of India as defined in the list of "India Items" agreed between both the parties and attached herewith at Annex "D".

2. Exemption shall be granted only for products covered by an exempt certificate issued by the competent Indian authorities in accordance with the visa and certification systems agreed to between the two parties and attached to this Agreement at Annex "E". However, for the duration of the current Agreement, exports of products, referred to in paragraph 1(c) above will be included in the quantitative limits established under the Agreement.

ANNEX "D"

AGREED LIST OF TRADITIONAL FOLKLORE HANDICRAFT  
TEXTILES PRODUCTS OF INDIA - "INDIA ITEMS"

Head Note

"India Items" are traditional folklore handicraft textiles products made in the cottage industry. They comprise clothes, clothing accessories and decorative furnishings whose shape and design are traditionally and historically Indian.

These products should not include zip fasteners and must be ornamented in the characteristic Indian folk styles using one of the following methods:

- (a) handpainting (including Kalamkari) or handprinting or handicraft tie and dye or handicraft Batik,
- (b) embroidered or crocheted ornamentation,
- (c) applique work of sequins, glass or wooden beads, shells, mirrors or ornamental motif of textile and other materials,
- (d) extra weft ornamentation of cotton, silk, zari (metal thread in gold/silver) wool or any other fibre yarn.

Exceptions: Churidar pyjama, salwar and gararra need not be ornamented.

DEFINITIONS

1. Kurta                    A loose, almost straight cut tunic of any length from the hips to the ankles with quarter, half or full length narrow or loose sleeves, with or without buttons at the neck or cuff but without out-turned shirt-style cuffs or out-turned shirt collar.
2. Churidar Pyjama or Churidar set                A pair of trousers, loose at waist, with either draw string or hooks and tapering tight fit from mid-calf to ankle. It is traditionally a Moghul costume worn by Indian women since the 16th century along with a Kurta and Dupatta (an oblong scarf).



3. Jawahar Jacket A loose-fitting coat or vest of waist or hip length with or without buttons traditionally worn over kurtas or kameez by men and women.
4. Pherron A full-length loose dress with long loose sleeves. Intricate embroidery depicting floral designs is done around the neck of this costume.
5. Angharkha A traditional garment extending from the neck to knee length or below with long sleeves but no out-turned collar. It has a full frontal opening with decorative string or ribbon used as closures at the sides or centre. This garment can be of quilted material also.
6. Bagal Bandini A garment similar to Angharkha, hip length or longer, with a wrap-around effect and tied at the sides.
7. Ghagra/Lahnga An ankle length very wide skirt with draw-string or hooks at the waist.
8. Pavadai An ankle-length gathered skirt, often in two-piece ensemble, as an accessory worn with sari or Dupatta.
9. Choli A short blouse ending at or above the waist, with or without sleeves, without an out-turned collar.
10. Lungi or Lungi set A long garment worn as a wrap around the lower half of the body, with or without a Kurta, or a loose fit blouse or a choli.
11. Salwar Loose-fitting trousers secured with drawstring or hooks, with legs that are straight or baggy with extra fullness at the thighs.
12. Gararra A trouser, straight from waist to knee, and shaped like a gathered skirt below the knee.
13. Dupatta A scarf usually about 4 ft. long, wrapped by women along with Kurta and Churidar. This also includes other types of scarves worn in varied sizes, the characteristics being the same as above.

14. Ohdhani An oblong cloth about 6 to 7 ft. long and 3 to 4 ft. wide with overall embroidery or a woven jacquard weave with traditional designs like himroo shawl or made-up of a fabric decorated with cotton/silk/zari or any other fiber yarn used to cover the body.
15. Chola An ankle length, loose-fit, long Kurta traditionally worn by religious priests.
16. Safa Headwear made up of printed or embroidered fabrics.
17. Aba An over-garment close-fit at the upper part with a Ghagra type skirt touching the ankles.
18. Burka Loose-fitting over-garment worn by Muslim women which covers the head and extends to the ankles.
19. Jama A coat, close-fitting above the waist, long-sleeved and with a full gathered skirt. The coat has a sloping cross-over neckline fastened near the armpit but no out-turned collar.
20. Patka A long traditional stole with Indian designs ornamented with art work of various types.
21. Tamba/  
Tambi Loose-fit trousers usually worn in North India.
22. Thailis Totebags, purses, pouch bags and similar accessories to traditional Indian dresses.
23. Toran A long embroidered strip of cloth elegantly embroidered with plain or applique work embroidery, used for decorating the entrance doors of Indian residences. This represents a wide variety of fine embroidered pieces connected with folk art, particularly from Kathiawar in Gujarat (West Coast of India).
24. Phulkari Decorative, embroidered, rough-spun cotton fabric with close darning stitch employed with strands of untwisted silk to make the flower-like embroidery.

25. Thombai Cylindrical hanging with hand-made applique work of hand-printed/hand-painted/hand-embroidered fabrics. These are traditionally used in South Indian temples as decorative hangings from ceilings or in doorways for gala affairs.
26. Puri Chatta Flat, highly decorative umbrella with applique work.
27. Gabba Embroidered floor covering using waste rags. Usually embroidered or made in applique work on old woolen blankets or jute base with cotton backing peculiar to Kashmir region.
28. Shamiana Canopy or awning used as ceiling decoration.
29. Kalamkari Hand painted/printed (wax resist) wall pieces depicting mythological characters.
30. Chakla Wall hangings with folk embroidery, with or without mirror work, framed or unframed. The stitches are interspersed and interlaced.
31. Batik wall pieces Wall hangings made of cotton fabrics hand painted with batik technique. The designs are usually mythological narrations.
32. Chahdani Posh A protective covering used normally in rural areas to keep tea or coffee pots warm.
33. Takia Gilaf A cushion cover in oblong, square, round or other shape using indigenous materials and motifs.
34. Ghandai/ Gaddiposh A decorative floor covering also used sometimes as cover on wooden Takhat (sort of Divan).
35. Temple Hangings Made of hand woven, hand-painted/print traditional textiles with Indian motifs.
36. Gulubahdk Traditionally decorative piece of cloth worn around the neck, with Indian traditional art work.
37. Kamar-bandh Traditional decorative item worn round the waist.
38. Matha-patti A decorative piece used to decorate the forehead in varying lengths and widths.
39. Bazuband A decorative piece worn round the arm.

ANNEX "E"

Visa and Certification Systems

1. Each shipment of textiles and textile products subject to the terms of the Agreement and not covered by paragraphs 2 or 3 below shall be visaed by the Government of India with a circular shaped stamp (the "Visa") before entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption into the United States ("Entry").
2. Any shipment of handloom fabric, hand-made handloom made-up articles, "India Items " as included in Annex "D" of the Agreement, or shipments valued at \$250 or less, and not covered by paragraph 3 below, shall be certified by the Government of India with a rectangular shaped stamp (the "Exempt Certification") prior to the shipment leaving India. The basis of exemption shall be stated on the Exempt Certification by use of the description "Handloom fabric", "hand-made handloom made-up articles", "\$250 or less", or the name of a particular item included in Annex "D" of the Agreement.
3. Merchandise in TSUSA numbers 360.06, 360.10, 360.15, 360.76, 360.78, 361.42, 361.45 and 361.54 as well as merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale does not require a visa or certification for Entry and shall not be charged to Agreement levels.
4. A shipment shall be visaed or certified by the placing of original stamped markings (the Visa or Exempt Certification) in blue ink on the front of the invoice (Special Customs Invoice form 5515, successor document, or commercial invoice when such form is used). Each Visa and Exempt Certification will include its number and date and the signature of the issuing official. Each Visa shall also state the correct categories and quantities in the shipment in applicable categories and units. Invoices for merchandise covered by the Exempt Certification shall not include any merchandise that is not covered by paragraph 2 above. Attachments I and II are mutually agreed facsimilies of the Visa and Exempt Certification stamps. Any amendments to these stamps will be by mutual agreement.
5. The Government of India shall provide the Government of the United States of America each month with a list of all shipments certified exempt by the Government of India during the previous month. The list shall contain the following information for each shipment: categories, description of items, units, quantities and value.

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6. The Government of the United States of America shall publish a notice in the Federal Register regarding the visa and certification systems hereby established. The Visa and Exempt Certification stamped markings and the issuing officials' signatures in use on December 31, 1982 will continue in use. The Government of India shall notify the Government of the United States of America of any changes of authorized officials and will provide originals in duplicate of the newly authorized officials' signatures. A minimum number of officials shall be so authorized.

7. Any shipment which is not accompanied by a Visa or Exempt Certification in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be denied Entry by the Government of the United States of America on and after January 1, 1983, unless the Government of India specifically authorizes Entry and appropriate charges to Agreement levels. The foregoing notwithstanding, if the quantity indicated on a Visa or Exempt Certification is more than that of the shipment, Entry shall be permitted. Textile and apparel products visaed or certified for exemption in accordance with the previous Administrative Arrangement which have been exported to the United States prior to January 1, 1983 shall not be denied Entry.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**TEXTILE VISA**

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INDIA NOTE

No.COM/105/2/82

December 21, 1982

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note dated December 21, 1982, regarding the Arrangement relating to international trade in textiles done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by the Protocol adopted on December 22, 1981, at Geneva, and the Agreement relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products between the United States of America and India for the period January 1, 1983 through December 31, 1986.

2. I am to confirm on behalf of the Government of India that the note mentioned above, and the text of the annexures which are appended to that note, correctly set out the terms of the Indo-US Bilateral Textile Agreement for the period January 1, 1983 through December 31, 1986.

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

For the Ambassador of India



(Nareshwar Dayal)  
Minister of the Embassy

His Excellency  
Hon'ble Mr. George Shultz,  
Secretary of State,  
Washington D.C.