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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
IN COTTON TEXTILES

Bilateral Arrangement Between the United States and Jamaica

Addendum

Attached is the text of the notes exchanged between the Governments of the United States and Jamaica effecting a new bilateral Agreement concluded between the two countries concerning trade in cotton textiles.

The text of this Agreement has been transmitted to the Director-General by the United States mission for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

Note No. 1

29 September 1967

Sir,

I refer to the decision of the Cotton Textiles Committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade approving a Protocol to extend through 30 September 1970 the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles done at Geneva on 9 February 1962 (hereinafter referred to as "the Long-Term Arrangement"). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments and to the Agreement between our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States effected by an exchange of notes dated 1 October 1963 as amended. I confirm, on behalf of my Government, the understanding that this Agreement is replaced by a new Agreement as provided in the following numbered paragraphs. This new Agreement is based on our understanding that the above-mentioned Protocol will enter into force for our two Governments on 1 October 1967.

1. The term of this Agreement shall be from 1 October 1966 through 30 September 1970. During the term of this Agreement, the Government of Jamaica shall limit annual exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States to aggregate and specific limits at the levels specified in the following paragraphs.

2. For the first Agreement year, constituting the twelve-month period beginning 1 October 1966:

- (a) The aggregate limit shall be 21,416,063 square yards equivalent.
- (b) Within this aggregate limit, the following specific limits shall apply:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Quantity</u>   |
|-----------------|---|
| 45              | 20,000 dozen  |
| 46              | 450,000 dozen   |
| 47              | 22,000 dozen  |
| 48              | 9,261 dozen   |
| 50-51           | 182,905 dozen (of which not more than 81,034 dozen shall be in Category 50 and not more than 127,334 dozen shall be in Category 51) |
| 52              | 92,610 dozen  |
| 53              | 30,000 dozen  |
| 55              | 30,000 dozen  |
| 57              | 100,000 dozen   |
| 61              | 460,000 dozen   |

<sup>1</sup>See document COT/5 and Add.1.

The Honourable Vivian Courtney Smith,  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Jamaica.

3. In the second and succeeding twelve-month periods for which any limitation is in force under this Agreement, the level of exports permitted under such limitation shall be increased by 5 per cent of the corresponding level for the preceding twelve-month period, the latter level not to include any adjustments under paragraph 4 or 5. The phrase "level of exports" in the preceding sentence refers to the aggregate and specific limits set out in paragraph 2 and to the limits set out in paragraph 8 of this Agreement.

4. Within the aggregate limit, specific limits may be exceeded by not more than 5 per cent.

5. (a) For any Agreement year immediately following a year of shortfall (i.e., a year in which cotton textile exports from Jamaica to the United States were below the aggregate limit and any specific limit applicable to the category concerned) the Government of Jamaica may permit exports to exceed these limits by carryover in the following amounts and manner:

- (i) The carryover shall not exceed the amount of the shortfall in either the aggregate limit or any applicable specific limit and shall not exceed 5 per cent of the aggregate limit applicable to the year of the shortfall;
- (ii) In the case of shortfalls in the categories subject to specific limits, the carryover shall not exceed 5 per cent of the specific limit in the year of the shortfall and shall be used in the same category in which the shortfall occurred; and
- (iii) In the case of shortfalls not attributable to categories subject to specific limits, the carryover shall not be used to exceed any applicable specific limit except in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 and shall not be used to exceed the limits in paragraph 8.

(b) The limits referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph are without any adjustments under this paragraph or paragraph 4.

(c) The carryover shall be in addition to the exports permitted by paragraph 4.

6. In the implementation of this Agreement, the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yard equivalents listed in Annex A hereto shall apply. In any situation where the determination of an article to be a cotton textile is affected by whether the criterion provided for in Article 9 of the Long-Term Arrangement is used or the criterion provided for in paragraph 2 of Annex E of the Long-Term Arrangement is used, the chief value criterion used by the Government of the United States in accordance with paragraph 2 of Annex E shall apply.

7. Categories not given a specific limit in paragraph 2 shall be subject to the aggregate limit, and to the relevant consultation and concentration provisions of paragraph 8.

8. (a) The square yard equivalent of any shortfalls occurring in exports in the categories given specific limits may be used in any category not given a specific limit.

(b) In the event the Government of Jamaica desires to permit exports during any Agreement year of more than the level of the consultation limit in any category not having a specific limit, the Government of Jamaica shall request consultation with the Government of the United States on this question. For the first Agreement year the level of the consultation limit for each category not having a specific limit shall be 405,169 square yards equivalent. The Government of the United States shall enter into such consultations and, during the course thereof, shall provide the Government of Jamaica with information on the condition of the United States market in the category in question. Until agreement is reached, the Government of Jamaica shall continue to limit exports in that category for that Agreement year to the consultation limit.

(c) In the event concentration of exports from Jamaica to the United States of apparel items made of a particular fabric causes or threatens to cause market disruption in the United States, the Government of the United States may call for consultations with the Government of Jamaica in order to reach a mutually satisfactory solution to the problem. The Government of Jamaica shall agree to enter into such consultations, and, during the course thereof, shall limit its exports of the item in question to an annual level of 105 per cent of its exports of that item during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the month in which consultations are requested.

9. The Government of Jamaica shall use its best efforts to space exports from Jamaica to the United States within each category evenly throughout the Agreement year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

10. The two Governments recognize that the successful implementation of this Agreement depends in large part upon mutual co-operation on statistical questions. The Government of the United States shall promptly supply the Government of Jamaica with data on monthly imports of cotton textiles from Jamaica. The Government of Jamaica shall promptly supply the Government of the United States with data on monthly exports of cotton textiles to the United States. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other available relevant statistical data requested by the other Government.

11. The Government of the United States and the Government of Jamaica agree to consult on any question arising in the implementation of this Agreement. 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. If the Government of Jamaica considers that as a result of limitations specified in this Agreement, Jamaica is being placed in an inequitable position vis-à-vis a third country, the Government of Jamaica may request consultation with the Government of the United States with the view to taking appropriate remedial action such as a reasonable modification of this Agreement.

13. During the term of this Agreement, the Government of the United States will not request restraint on the export of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States under the procedures of Article 3 of the Long-Term Arrangement. The applicability of the Long-Term Arrangement to trade in cotton textiles between Jamaica and the United States shall otherwise be unaffected by this Agreement.

14. Either Government may terminate this Agreement effective at the end of an Agreement year by written notice to the other Government to be given at least ninety days prior to the end of such Agreement year. Either Government may at any time propose revisions in the terms of this agreement.

If these proposals are acceptable to your Government, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Jamaica shall constitute an Agreement between our Governments.

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

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) George R. Jacobs  
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure: ANNEX A

ANNEX A

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u>   | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Conversion Factor</u> |
|-----------------|--|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1               | Yarn, carded, singles  | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 2               | Yarn, carded, plied  | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 3               | Yarn, combed, singles  | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 4               | Yarn, combed, plied  | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 5               | Gingham, carded  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 6               | Gingham, combed  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 7               | Velveteen  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 8               | Corduroy   | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 9               | Sheeting, carded   | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 10              | Sheeting, combed   | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 11              | Lawn, carded   | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 12              | Lawn, combed   | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 13              | Voile, carded  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 14              | Voile, combed  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 15              | Poplin and broadcloth, carded                                  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 16              | Poplin and broadcloth, combed                                  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 17              | Typewriter ribbon cloth  | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 18              | Print cloth, shirting type,<br>80 x 80 type, carded            | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 19              | Print cloth, shirting type, other<br>than 80 x 80 type, carded | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 20              | Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, carded                            | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 21              | Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, combed                            | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 22              | Twill and sateen, carded                                       | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 23              | Twill and sateen, combed                                       | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 24              | Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed,<br>carded                     | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 25              | Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed<br>combed                      | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 26.             | Woven fabric, other, carded                                    | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 27              | Woven fabric, other, combed                                    | Sq. yd.     | 1.0                      |
| 28              | Pillowcases, not ornamented, carded                            | No.         | 1.084                    |
| 29              | Pillowcases, not ornamented, combed                            | No.         | 1.084                    |
| 30              | Dish towels  | No.         | .348                     |
| 31              | Other towels   | No.         | .348                     |
| 32              | Handkerchiefs, whether or not in<br>the piece                  | Doz.        | 1.66                     |
| 33              | Table damask and manufactures                                  | lb.         | 3.17                     |
| 34              | Sheets, carded   | No.         | 6.2                      |
| 35              | Sheets, combed   | No.         | 6.2                      |
| 36              | Bedspreads and quilts  | No.         | 6.9                      |
| 37              | Braided and woven elastics                                     | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 38              | Fishing nets and fish netting                                  | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 39              | Gloves and mittens   | Doz. prs.   | 3.527                    |

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u>   | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Conversion Factor</u> |
|-----------------|--|-------------|--------------------------|
| 40              | Hose and half hose   | Doz.prs.    | 4.6                      |
| 41              | T-shirts, all white, knit, men's and boys'   | Doz.        | 7.234                    |
| 42              | T-shirts, other, knit  | Doz.        | 7.234                    |
| 43              | Shirts, knit, other than T-shirts and sweatshirts                                  | Doz.        | 7.234                    |
| 44              | Sweaters and cardigans   | Doz.        | 36.8                     |
| 45              | Shirts, dress, not knit, men's and boys'   | Doz.        | 22.186                   |
| 46              | Shirts, sport, not knit, men's and boys'   | Doz.        | 24.457                   |
| 47              | Shirts, work, not knit, men's and boys'  | Doz.        | 22.186                   |
| 48              | Raincoats, 3/4 length or longer, not knit  | Doz.        | 50.0                     |
| 49              | Other coats, not knit  | Doz.        | 32.5                     |
| 50              | Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), not knit, men's and boys'                     | Doz.        | 17.797                   |
| 51              | Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), not knit, women's, girls' and infants'        | Doz.        | 17.797                   |
| 52              | Blouses, not knit  | Doz.        | 14.53                    |
| 53              | Dresses (including uniforms), not knit   | Doz.        | 45.3                     |
| 54              | Playsuits, washsuits, sunsuits, creepers, rompers, etc., not knit, n.e.s.          | Doz.        | 25.0                     |
| 55              | Dressing gowns, including bathrobes, beach robes, housecoats and dusters, not knit | Doz.        | 51.0                     |
| 56              | Undershirts, knit, men's and boys'   | Doz.        | 9.2                      |
| 57              | Briefs and undershorts, men's and boys'  | Doz.        | 11.25                    |
| 58              | Drawers, shorts and briefs, knit, n.e.s.   | Doz.        | 5.0                      |
| 59              | All other underwear, not knit  | Doz.        | 16.0                     |
| 60              | Pyjamas and other nightwear  | Doz.        | 51.96                    |
| 61              | Brassieres and other body-supporting garments                                      | Doz.        | 4.75                     |
| 62              | Wearing apparel, knit, n.e.s.  | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 63              | Wearing apparel, not knit, n.e.s.  | lb.         | 4.6                      |
| 64              | All other cotton textiles  | lb.         | 4.6                      |

Note No. 2

29 September 1967

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note of 29 September 1967, concerning exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States.

I confirm, on behalf of my Government, the understanding that the Agreement between our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States effected by exchange of notes dated 1 October 1963, as amended, is replaced as of 1 October 1966, by the proposals set forth in your note of 29 September 1967.

Accordingly, your note and this note shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments.

(Signed) V.C. Smith  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Honourable Dean Rusk,  
Secretary of State of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

Note No.3

29 September 1967

Sir,

I refer to notes exchanged today constituting an Agreement between our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States during the four-year period from 1 October 1966, through 30 September 1970, inclusive, and to the decision of the Cotton Textiles Committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade referred to therein.

Any provisions of the Agreement between our two Governments to the contrary notwithstanding, exports of 2 million pounds of cotton yarn in Category 1 from Jamaica to the United States during the Agreement year beginning 1 October 1966, only, will not be charged against limitations in the Agreement applicable to that Agreement year.

Furthermore, the Government of the United States will consider any request made by the Government of Jamaica for permission to allow specified quantities of cotton yarn in Category 1 to be exported from Jamaica to the United States during Agreement years beginning in 1967 and thereafter without being charged against the limitations of the Agreement. The United States Government will inform the Government of Jamaica of the result of such consideration by the beginning of the Agreement year for which the request has been made or within thirty days after the date of the request, whichever is later.

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

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) George R. Jacobs  
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

The Honourable Vivian Courtney Smith,  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Jamaica.