

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
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LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
IN COTTON TEXTILES

Bilateral Agreement between the United States  
and Colombia

Attached are exchanged notes effecting a bilateral agreement concluded between the Governments of the United States and Colombia concerning trade in cotton textiles between the two countries.

The text of this agreement has been transmitted by the United States mission for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

NOTE NO.1

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions in Bogota between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and of the Government of Colombia concerning exports of cotton textiles from Colombia to the United States and to the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles done in Geneva on 9 February 1962.

As a result of these discussions, I have the honour to propose the following Agreement relating to trade in cotton textiles between Colombia and the United States:

1. For the first Agreement year, constituting the twelve-month period beginning 1 July 1965, the Government of Colombia shall limit exports of cotton textiles from Colombia to the United States as follows:

A. The aggregate limit shall be 24 million square yards equivalent.

B. The following group ceilings shall apply:

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Thousand Square Yards Equivalent</u>
I.	Yarn (Categories 1-4)	12,000
II.	Fabrics (Categories 5-27)	11,500
III.	Made-up Goods, Apparel, and Miscellaneous (Categories 28-64)	500

Provided: That any of these group ceilings may be increased by 5 per cent so long as the aggregate of all group ceilings does not exceed the aggregate limit.

C. The following specific ceilings shall apply:

<u>Category or Categories</u>	<u>Thousand Square Yards</u>
5 and 6	1,000, of which not more than 25 per cent shall be in Category 6
9	2,500
16	750
19	2,250
22	3,000
26	2,000, of which not more than 350 thousand square yards shall be in duck

Provided: That any of these specific ceilings may be increased by 5 per cent so long as the aggregate of all specific ceilings does not exceed the group ceiling for fabrics.

2. In the event of undue concentration in exports from Colombia to the United States of cotton textiles for which no specific ceilings are stated in paragraph 1C, the Government of the United States of America may request consultation with the Government of Colombia in order to reach a mutually satisfactory solution to the problem. The Government of Colombia shall enter into such consultations when requested, and until a mutually satisfactory solution is reached, the Government of Colombia shall limit the exports from Colombia to the United States of the item in question to an annual level not exceeding 100 per cent of such exports during the most recent twelve-month period for which statistics are available to both Governments.
3. Each of the limitations on exports established for the first agreement year in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Agreement shall be increased by 5 per cent for the second agreement year, beginning 1 July 1966. For each subsequent agreement year each of these limitations shall be increased by a further 5 per cent over those of the immediately preceding agreement year.
4. The Government of Colombia shall use its best efforts to space exports from Colombia to the United States within each category evenly throughout the agreement year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.
5. The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of Colombia with data on monthly imports of cotton textiles from Colombia, and the Government of Colombia shall promptly supply the Government of the United States of America with data on monthly exports of cotton textiles to the United States of America. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other available statistical data requested by the other Government.
6. In the implementation of this Agreement the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yard equivalents listed in the annex hereto shall apply.
7. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Colombia agree to consult on any question arising in the implementation of this Agreement or with regard to trade in cotton textiles.
8. All relevant provisions of the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles shall remain in effect between the two Governments except that the Government of the United States of America shall not exercise its rights under Article 5 of the Long-Term Arrangement while this bilateral Agreement remains in force.

9. This Agreement shall become effective on 1 July 1965, and continue in force through 30 June 1969, provided that 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 also propose revisions in the terms of the Agreement no later than ninety days prior to the beginning of an agreement year.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of Colombia, this note and Your Excellency's note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Colombia shall constitute an agreement between our Governments.

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

ANNEX

LIST OF COTTON TEXTILE CATEGORIES AND CONVERSION  
FACTORS FOR FABRICS AND MADE-UP GOODS

Category Number	Description	Unit	Conversion Factor
<u>Yarn</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
<u>Fabrics</u>			
5	Ginghams, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
6	Ginghams, combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
7	Velveteens	sq.yds.	1.0
8	Corduroy	sq.yds.	1.0
9	Sheeting, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
10	Sheeting, combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
11	Lawns, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
12	Lawns, combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
13	Voiles, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
14	Voiles, combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
15	Poplin and broadcloth, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
16	Poplin and broadcloth, combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
17	Typewriter ribbon cloth	sq.yds.	1.0
18	Print cloth, shirting type, 80 x 80 type, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
19	Print cloth, shirting type, other than 80 x 80 type, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
20	Shirting, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
21	Shirting, combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
22	Twill and sateen, carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
23	Twill and sateen, combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
24	Yarn-dyed fabrics, n.e.s., carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
25	Yarn-dyed fabrics, n.e.s., combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
26	Fabrics, n.e.s., carded yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
27	Fabrics, n.e.s., combed yarn	sq.yds.	1.0
<u>Made-up Goods</u>			
28	Pillowcases, plain, carded yarn	numbers	1.084
29	Pillowcases, plain, combed yarn	numbers	1.084
30	Dish towels	numbers	.348
31	Towels, other than dish towels	numbers	.348
32	Handkerchiefs	dozen	1.66
33	Table damasks and manufactures	pounds	3.17

Category Number	Description	Unit	Conversion Factor
<u>Made-up Goods</u> (cont'd)			
34	Sheets, carded yarn	numbers	6.2
35	Sheets, combed yarn	numbers	6.2
36	Bedspreads, including quilts	numbers	6.9
37	Braided and woven elastics	pounds	4.6
38	Fishing nets	pounds	4.6
<u>Apparel</u> <sup>1</sup>			
39	Gloves and mittens	doz.prs.	3.527
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 sweat-shirts	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 bath robes, 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

<sup>1</sup>Each component of apparel items imported in sets shall be recorded separately under its appropriate category.

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NOTE NO.2

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of today's date, proposing a bilateral agreement relating to trade in cotton textiles between Colombia and the United States, which reads as follows:

(see Note No. 1)

I have the honour to inform you that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Colombia. It is therefore agreed that your note and this note of acceptance shall form a bilateral agreement between our two Governments.

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

NOTE NO. 3

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between our two Governments concerning trade in cotton textiles signed today and to confirm my Government's understanding with respect to the exports of cotton textiles which are to be counted against the limitations in that Agreement.

In view of the special circumstances described by the representatives of the Government of Colombia during the discussions from which this Agreement resulted, the Government of the United States agrees that during the first year of the Agreement only, exports of cotton textiles in the following categories and amounts shall not be counted against the limitations specified in paragraph 1 of the Agreement:

<u>Category or Categories</u>	<u>Thousand Square Yards</u>
Categories 5 and 6	1,000, of which not more than 25 per cent shall be in Category 6
Category 22	4,000
Category 26, excluding duck	2,000

I shall appreciate receiving your Excellency's confirmation of the above understanding. Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



NOTE NO. 4

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of today's date which refers to the Agreement between our two Governments concerning trade in cotton textiles signed today and which reads as follows:

(see Note No. 3)

I have the honour to confirm that this is also the understanding of the Government of Colombia.

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