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LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL
TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Arrangement between the Governments of the
United States and Singapore¹

The following communication has been received by the Director-General from the United States mission.

I have been requested to transmit to you, for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee, the attached text of the United States-Singapore cotton textiles arrangement signed in Singapore on 30 August 1966.

¹Not party to the Long-Term Arrangement.

Ministry of Finance,
Fullerton Building,
5th Floor,
Singapore, 1.

30 August 1966

Dear Mr. Dexter,

I refer to recent discussions held in Singapore between representatives of our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States, and wish to inform you that in accordance with the agreement reached during the discussions, the Singapore cotton textile industry will voluntarily restrain its exports to the United States, in accordance with the Singapore Cotton Textile Industry Restraint Schedule attached to this letter.

In view of this action by the Singapore industry, I propose the following Arrangement, to be effective as of 1 April 1966, concerning this trade:

1. The Government of the United States of America agrees not to invoke procedures under Article 6(c) and 3 of the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles to limit cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States during the term of this Arrangement.
2. The Government of the Republic of Singapore undertakes that the exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States will be restrained in accordance with the attached voluntary restraint schedule.
3. The Government of the United States shall promptly supply the Government of the Republic of Singapore with data on monthly imports of cotton textiles from Singapore. The Government of the Republic of Singapore 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 statistical data requested by the other Government.

Mr. John B. Dexter,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
Embassy of the United States of America,
Singapore.

4. The Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of the United States agree to consult on any questions concerning trade in cotton textiles between our two countries, including levels of exports in categories not given specific limits in the attached schedule and in made-up goods or apparel made from a particular fabric.
5. If the Government of the Republic of Singapore considers that as a result of the restraints specified in the attached schedule, Singapore is being placed in an inequitable position vis-à-vis a third country, the Government of the Republic of Singapore may request consultations with the Government of the United States with a view to taking appropriate remedial action such as consent of the Government of the United States to reasonable modification of this Arrangement, including attached schedule.
6. This Arrangement shall continue in force through 31 March 1969, except that either Government may terminate this Arrangement effective at the end of March in any year by written notice to the other Government to be given at least ninety days prior to such termination date. Either Government may at any time propose revisions in this Arrangement, including the attached schedule.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States, I would appreciate your letter of acceptance on behalf of your Government.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Ngiam Tong Dow
Deputy Secretary,
(Economic Development)

SINGAPORE COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY RESTRAINT
SCHEDULE

The Singapore Cotton Textile Industry will restrain its exports of cotton textiles to the United States as follows:

1. During the period 1 April 1966 to 31 March 1969, exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States will be limited to aggregate, group and specific limits at the levels specified below.
2. For the first limitation year, constituting the twelve-month period beginning 1 April 1966, the aggregate limit shall be 30 million square yards.
3. Within this aggregate limit the following group limits shall apply for the first limitation year:

		<u>In sq.yds. equivalent</u>
Group I	Apparel categories (Categories 39-63)	20,000,000
Group II	All other categories	10,000,000

4. Within the aggregate limit and the applicable group limits, the following specific limits shall apply for the first limitation year:

Category	Quantity	Unit	Equivalent sq.yds.
Apparel categories (Group I)			
43	85,000	doz.	614,890
44	20,000	doz.	736,000
45	60,000	doz.	1,331,160
46	40,000	doz.	978,280
47	45,000	doz.	998,370
50	130,000	doz.	2,313,610
51	60,000	doz.	1,067,820
52	65,000	doz.	944,450
54	50,000	doz.	1,250,000
55	27,000	doz.	1,377,000
60	149,000	doz.	7,742,040

Category	Quantity	Unit	Equivalent sq.yds.
All other categories (Group II)			
9, 10	1,000,000	sq.yds.	1,000,000
18, 19	1,000,000	sq.yds.	1,000,000
26 (duck only)	1,500,000	sq.yds.	1,500,000
31 (shop towels only)	13,850,000	pieces	4,819,300
34, 35	160,000	pieces	992,000

5. (a) Within the aggregate limit either group limit may be exceeded by 5 per cent.

(b) Within the applicable group limit (as it may be adjusted under this paragraph) specific limits may be exceeded by 5 per cent.

6. (a) If it appears that cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States in any category for which no specific limit is applicable, including Category 26 other than duck and Category 31 other than shop towels, are likely to exceed the consultation level specified below for any limitation year, the industry shall notify the Government of the Republic of Singapore. Until the industry has been informed that the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the United States Government have consulted on the effect of such shipments on conditions of the United States domestic market in the category in question and have concluded such consultations on a mutually satisfactory basis, these exports shall be limited to the consultation level. For the first limitation year, the consultation level shall be 350,000 square yards equivalent.

(b) In the event that the United States Government requests consultations with the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning undue concentration in exports from Singapore to the United States in made-up goods or apparel made from a particular fabric, these exports will be limited until the two Governments reach a mutually satisfactory solution. The limit shall be on the basis of the twelve-month period beginning on the date the United States Government requests consultations under this paragraph and shall be 105 per cent of the exports of such products from Singapore to the United States during the most recent twelve-month period preceding the request for consultation and for which statistics were available to the two Governments on the date of the request. Any exports limited pursuant to this paragraph shall also be counted against all other applicable limits specified in this schedule.

7. In the second and succeeding twelve-month periods that any limitation is applicable under this schedule, the level of exports permitted under that limitation shall be increased by 5 per cent over the corresponding level for the preceding twelve-month period. The corresponding level for the preceding twelve-month period shall not include any adjustments under paragraph 5 or any excess shipments permitted under paragraph 8.

8. In view of the special circumstances surrounding the initiation of these restraints, the aggregate limit and the group limit on "all other categories" (including any adjustments of the group limit under paragraph 5) may be exceeded on a one-time basis:

(a) During the first limitation year by not more than 5 million square yards. Any such excess shipments within this additional 5 million square yards may also exceed the limitations under paragraphs 4 and 6(a) (as they may be adjusted under paragraph 5) and shall be distributed among the following categories so as not to exceed the amounts shown:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9, 10	1,000,000 sq.yds.
18, 19	500,000 sq.yds.
20, 21	2,000,000 sq.yds.
22, 23	2,000,000 sq.yds.
26 (duck only)	500,000 sq.yds.
26 (other than duck)	2,000,000 sq.yds.

(b) During the second limitation year by 3.5 million square yards, if the Government of Singapore so requests within the first thirty days of such limitation year, and unless the Government of the United States of America advises the Government of Singapore within thirty days of the receipt of the request that there has been a significant downturn in the United States cotton textile industry. Any such excess shipment within this additional 3.5 million square yards may also exceed the limitations under paragraphs 4 and 6(a) (as they may be adjusted under paragraphs 5 and 7) and shall be distributed among the following categories so as not to exceed the amounts shown:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9, 10	700,000 sq.yds.
18, 19	350,000 sq.yds.
20, 21	1,400,000 sq.yds.
22, 23	1,400,000 sq.yds.
26 (duck only)	350,000 sq.yds.
26 (other than duck)	1,400,000 sq.yds.

(c) During the third limitation year by 1.925 million square yards if the Government of Singapore so requests within the first thirty days of such limitation year, and unless the Government of the United States of America advises the Government of Singapore within thirty days of the receipt of the request that there has been a significant downturn in the United States cotton textile industry. Any such excess shipment within this additional 1.925 million square yards may also exceed the limitations under paragraphs 4 and 6(a) (as they may be adjusted under paragraphs 5 and 7) and shall be distributed among the following categories so as not to exceed the amounts shown:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9, 10	385,000 sq.yds.
18, 19	192,500 sq.yds.
20, 21	770,000 sq.yds.
22, 23	770,000 sq.yds.
26 (duck only)	192,500 sq.yds.
26 (other than duck)	770,000 sq.yds.

9. Cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States within each category shall be spaced as evenly as practicable throughout the limitation year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

10. In implementing this schedule the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yard equivalents listed in the Annex hereto shall apply.

Annex

COTTON TEXTILE CATEGORIES AND CONVERSION FACTORS

Category	Description	Unit	Conversion factor
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, 80 x 80 type, carded	sq.yd.	1.0
19	Print cloth, shirting type, other 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, carded	sq.yd.	1.0
25	Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed, 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, carded	no.	1.084
29	Pillowcases, combed	no.	1.084
30	Dish towels	no.	.348
31	Other towels	no.	.348
32	Handkerchiefs, whether or not in the piece	doz.	1.66

Category	Description	Unit	Conversion factor
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
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, lounge 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

Apparel items exported in sets shall be recorded under separate categories of the component items.

Embassy of the United States of America
Singapore

30 August 1966

Dear Mr. Ngiam,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30 August 1966, with attachment proposing an arrangement between our two Governments, to be effective as of 1 April 1966, concerning exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States.

I accept, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the proposal contained in your letter.

Sincerely,

(signed)

John B. Dexter
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

Mr. Ngiam Tong Dow,
Deputy Secretary (Economic Development),
Ministry of Finance,
Singapore.