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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Agreement between France and India

Attached is the text of the Agreement concluded between the Governments of France and India concerning trade in cotton textiles.

The text of this Agreement has been transmitted to the Director-General by the French Permanent Mission for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

Introduction

The object of the present Agreement is to promote and organize trade in cotton textiles between India and France in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on International Trade in Cotton Textiles, as extended up to 30 September 1970 (hereinafter referred to as "Geneva Agreement") and in particular, with reference to Article 4 thereof, which provides for the conclusion of mutually acceptable agreements. With this aim in view, the Government of India and the Government of France agree to co-operate and apply the following principles:

Article 1

Scope

The present Agreement is applicable to cotton textiles of Indian origin coming from India, as provided in the Annex of the present Agreement. However, no restriction will apply to hand-woven cotton textiles, provided the shipments are accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent Indian authorities which are recognized by the French customs authorities.

Article 2

General provisions

During the period of validity of the present Agreement and according to the provisions contained therein, or annexed thereto, the French Government agrees to suspend the application of existing quantitative restrictions and also agrees not to take recourse to the provisions of Article 3 of the Geneva Agreement, provided that imports into France of cotton textiles of Indian origin and coming direct from India, do not exceed the stipulated quantities.

Article 2
(cont'd)

The Government of India, on its part, agrees to take necessary measures, mainly at the request of France, to respect the stipulated ceilings, and to co-operate with the French Government in the application of the measures considered necessary for this purpose.

The provisions of the Geneva Agreement between the two Governments will remain in force.

Article 3
Ceilings

(a) Global ceilings

It has been agreed to fix the total quantity for each period of twelve months at 3,125 tons.

(b) Ceilings per group of categories

The total quantity is sub-divided in two principal groups of categories as follows:

	<u>Tons</u>
<u>Group I</u> Cotton textiles - grey or bleached, mercerized or non-mercerized	2,500
<u>Group II</u> Other cotton textiles, manufactured articles and miscellaneous cotton articles	625

(c) Specific categories

Within the ceiling prescribed for each group of categories, as indicated in the preceding paragraph, specific ceilings will be agreed upon in order to avoid excessive concentration of trade of certain articles; these ceilings will be fixed as indicated in the list annexed to the present Agreement.

If, during the course of a period of twelve months, it is noticed that there is a rapid and significant development as regards delivery of certain textile product/products, which are not subject to specific ceilings, the French Government could ask for a specific ceiling to be fixed for the product/s. In such a case, consultation will be held to decide upon the quantity of specific ceiling for that particular product/s.

Article 4
Transfer

The quantity fixed for Group I shall not be transferred to Group II, and vice-versa.

Article 4
(cont'd)

The specific ceilings shall not be exceeded. In the framework of ceilings for each group, the unutilized portion of specific ceilings for certain categories could be used for other categories of the same group, which are not subject to any specific ceilings.

Carry over

Unutilized portion of ceiling, in any particular group of categories, during the annual period of twelve months, may be carried over and added to the ceiling for the same group for the following period of twelve months, provided such carry-over does not exceed 10 per cent of the ceiling for the group. The unutilized portions of specific ceilings for any particular category can be carried over and added to the specific ceiling of the same category for the following year, within the limit of 10 per cent of the said ceiling, provided they have already not been transferred to another category during that year.

Anticipation

Within the limit of 5 per cent of each of the agreed ceilings, deliveries will be authorized in anticipation, against the ceiling of the following annual period, if the Government of India makes the request in writing and in due time; however, the Government of India will endeavour to operate in such a manner that the exports of cotton textiles of all categories would be spread out as regularly as possible during the yearly period, taking into account the seasonal factors during that period. The quantities which have been delivered in anticipation will be deducted from the ceilings of the following annual period.

Article 5

Co-operation
measures

Both Governments agree to exchange all relative information regarding exports of cotton textiles from India to France and the corresponding imports into France. Each Government will apply their own classification for the successful realization of the present Agreement, and will co-operate with each other in order to facilitate the comparison of information thus furnished.

Article 6

Maintenance
of commercial
relations

Should the French Government inform the Government of India about the difficulties, if any, in the application of this Agreement, with regard to the maintenance of existing commercial relations between the French importers and their suppliers in India, the two Governments will take such necessary steps as to ensure the existing commercial relations.

Article 7

Consultation

The two Governments agree to consult each other, at the request of either of them, regarding any problems which might arise during the execution of the present Agreement.

Besides, the two Governments, signatories of the present Agreement, agree to hold every year consultation between the representatives of the Government of India and the representatives of the member States of the European Economic Community concerning the general aspects of trade in cotton textiles.

Article 8

Final
provisions

The present Agreement is concluded for the duration of a period of three years, commencing from 1 October 1967. It will remain in force up to 30 September 1970.

The provisions contained in paragraph 4 of the Protocol, extending the Geneva Agreement, will be applicable to the present Agreement. In such a case, the commitments of each Government, as contained in the present Agreement, will continue to apply under an appropriate form.

Each of the two Governments will be entitled to propose a revision to or revoke this Agreement, provided a notice of at least 120 days is given before the beginning of each annual period.

The Annexes to the present Agreement constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Done at Paris on 24 April 1968 in English and French, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed: Jean Chapelle

Signed: C.S. Jha

Leader of the French
delegation

Ambassador of India
in France

Annex I

LIST OF COTTON TEXTILE PRODUCTS UNDER
ARTICLE 3(c) OF THE AGREEMENT

1	2	3
Group category	Cate- gories	Description of products
GROUP I		<u>BLEACHED OR UNBLEACHED COTTON, MERCERIZED OR NON-MERCERIZED</u>
	B	UNBLEACHED COTTON MATERIAL
	B 1	Towelling material
	B 2	Material other than gauze or towelling material containing less than 85 per cent cotton
	B 3	Material other than gauze or towelling containing at least 85 per cent cotton weight, linen weave effect, of a weight to the square metre more than 70 grs. and equal or less than 130 grs. of a width more than 115 cm. up to 165 cm. inclusive, composed solely of thread of metric number less than 55,000 m. to the kg. (No. 32 English)
	B 4	Materials other than gauze or towelling containing at least 85 per cent cotton weight, linen weave effect, of a weight equal or less than 130 grs. to the square metre, other than those shown under B 3
	B 5	Materials other than gauze or towelling, containing at least 85 per cent cotton weight, linen weave effect, of cotton weight, to the square metre more than 130 grs. and equal or less than 200 grs. and of a width at least 85 cm. and at the most 115 cm.
	B 6	Materials other than gauze or towelling, containing at least 85 per cent cotton weight with linen effect, of a weight to the square metre more than 130 grs. and equal or less than 200 grs. and of a width more than 115 cm.

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Group category	Cate- gories	Description of products
GROUP I (cont'd)	B 7	Material other than gauze or towelling containing at least 85 per cent cotton weight, of width at least 85 cm. to a weave other than linen
	B 8	Other materials
	C	COTTON FABRICS OTHER THAN GREY
	C 1	Bleached, mercerized or not
GROUP II		<u>OTHER COTTON FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON</u>
	C 2	Gauze other than grey or bleached
	C 3	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, other than grey or bleached
	C 4	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within heading No. 55.08 and fabrics falling within heading No. 58.05)
	C 5	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, dyed
	C 6	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, printed
	C 7	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, made with yarns of various colours

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Group category	Cate- gories	Description of products
GROUP II (cont'd)	D	HOUSEHOLD MADE-UP ARTICLES OF COTTON
	D 1	Bed linen
	D 2	Table linen
	D 3	Terry toilet linen and terry kitchen linen
	D 4	Other household articles
	E	COTTON CLOTHING
	E 1	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized
	E 2	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized
	E 3	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized. Articles other than knitted or crocheted fabrics and articles thereof, elastic or rubberized -
	E 4	Woven trousers and breeches, for men and boys
	E 5	Other garments (over-garments) in textiles for men and boys
	E 6	Over-garments in textiles for women, girls and children
	E 7	Shirts and shirts with short sleeves in textiles for men and boys
	E 8	Other undergarments in textiles - for men and boys

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Group category	Cate- gories	Description of products
GROUP II (cont'd)	E 9	Undergarments in textiles - for women, girls and children
	E 10	Handkerchiefs, fancy handkerchiefs
	E 11	Other clothing and clothing accessories
	F	<u>VARIOUS FABRICS AND MANUFACTURED ARTICLES IN COTTON</u>
	F 1	Covers
	F 2	Dish-cloth, dish-mops, washing cloth similar to chamois leather and similar articles
	F 3	Compressed air-mattresses
	F 4	Other articles