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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Agreement between France and Pakistan

Attached is the text of the Agreement concluded between the Governments of France and Pakistan 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.

Preamble

The object of this Agreement is to ensure the orderly development of trade in cotton textiles between Pakistan and France in accordance with the provisions of the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles (hereinafter called the Geneva Arrangement), extended to 30 September 1970, and in particular Article 4 thereof, which provides for the conclusion of mutually acceptable agreements. To this end the Governments of Pakistan and France have agreed to co-operate and to implement the following provisions:

Article 1

Scope

This Agreement shall apply to cotton textiles originating in and despatched from Pakistan and listed in the Annex to this Agreement. Provided that no limitation shall be applied to transactions concerning hand-loom cotton fabrics if the said products are accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authorities of Pakistan and recognized by the customs authorities of France.

Article 2

General provisions

For the duration of this Agreement and by virtue of the provisions contained therein or annexed thereto, the Government of France undertakes to suspend the application of existing quantitative restrictions and agrees not to invoke the provisions of Article 3 of the Geneva Arrangement as long as imports into the importing country of cotton textiles originating in and despatched from Pakistan do not exceed the quantities agreed upon.

Article 2
(cont'd)

The Government of Pakistan undertakes to take the appropriate measures, especially when so requested by France, to ensure that the ceilings agreed upon are respected, and to co-operate with the Government of France in implementing the measures recognized as necessary for this purpose.

The provisions of the Geneva Arrangement shall remain in force between the two Governments.

Article 3
Ceilings

(a) Global ceilings

The total quantity agreed upon for each twelve-month period shall be 600 metric tons.

(b) Ceilings by groups of categories

The said total quantity shall be apportioned as follows between the two main groups of categories of products:

		<u>Metric tons</u>
<u>Group I</u>	Cotton fabrics, grey or bleached, whether or not mercerized	450
<u>Group II</u>	Other cotton fabrics, made-up articles and miscellaneous articles of cotton	150

(c) Specific ceilings

Up to each of the ceilings by groups of categories established under (b) above, specific ceilings will be agreed upon in order to prevent excessive concentration of trade on certain products; these ceilings will be fixed on the basis of the list annexed to this Agreement.

If, in the course of one of the twelve-month periods, the Government of France notes a rapid and substantial growth in imports of certain products which are not covered by specific ceilings, it may request that a specific ceiling be fixed. Where such a request is made, consultation shall be held forthwith to agree upon the level of a specific ceiling for the product in question.

Article 4
Transfers

No transfer may be made between the quantity fixed for Group I and that for Group II.

The specific ceilings must not be exceeded; within the framework of ceilings by groups the unused portions of the specific ceilings may be used for the other categories of the group which are not covered by specific ceilings.

Article 4
(cont'd)

Amounts
carried over

Portions of one of the ceilings for the two groups of categories not used during any twelve-month period can be carried over and added to the ceiling for the same group in the following twelve-month period up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the ceiling in question.

The unused portions of the specific ceilings by category may be carried over and added to the same specific ceilings for the following year up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the said ceilings if the specific ceilings have not been the subject of a transfer or of a carryover for some other purpose.

Advance
deliveries

Within a limit of 5 per cent of each of the ceilings agreed upon, advance deliveries shall be authorized from the ceiling established for the following twelve-month period, if the Government of Pakistan so requests in writing in due time; the Government of Pakistan, however, shall endeavour to ensure that exports of cotton textiles of all categories are spaced out as regularly as possible over each of the twelve-month periods, taking season factors in particular into account. Amounts delivered in advance shall be deducted from the ceilings for the following twelve-month period.

Article 5
Co-operation

The Governments agree to exchange all information relating to exports of cotton textiles from Pakistan to France and to the corresponding imports into France. Each Government shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, apply whatever classification it has available and shall co-operate in facilitating comparison of information thus supplied.

Article 6
Maintenance of
trade patterns

Should the Government of France inform the Government of Pakistan that difficulties have arisen, by virtue of this Agreement, regarding the maintenance of existing commercial relations between importers in France and their suppliers in Pakistan, the two Governments shall take all the necessary measures to ensure that these commercial relations are maintained.

Article 7
Consultations

The two Governments undertake to consult each other, at the request of either, on all problems arising from the implementation of this Agreement.

Furthermore, the signatory Governments agree to take part each year and whenever it may appear to be necessary, at the request of one of the parties, in consultations between representatives of Pakistan and representatives of the member States and the Commission of the European Economic Community regarding the overall aspects of trade in cotton textiles.

Article 8
Final
provisions

This Agreement shall be concluded for a period of three years from 1 October 1967. It shall remain in force until 30 September 1970.

The provisions of paragraph 4 of the Protocol Extending the Geneva Arrangement shall be applicable to this Agreement. In case of application, the undertakings contained in this Agreement shall be set out in an appropriate form.

Each Government shall be entitled to propose a revision of this Agreement or to denounce it by giving notice thereof not later than 120 days before the beginning of each twelve-month period.

The Annex to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Done at Paris on 8 August 1968 in English and French, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Pakistan

For the Government of France

Signed: I. Athar

Signed: Jean Chapelle

Annex I

LIST OF COTTON TEXTILE PRODUCTS REFERRED TO
IN ARTICLE 3(c) OF THE AGREEMENT

Group of categories 1	Categories 2	Description of product 3
GROUP I		<u>COTTON FABRICS, GREY OR BLEACHED, MERCERIZED OR NOT</u>
	B	COTTON FABRICS, GREY
	B 1	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics
	B 2	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing less than 85 per cent by weight of cotton
	B 3	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 70 but not more than 130 grs. per square metre, of a width more than 115 cm. but not more than 165 cm. only with a yarn numbered less than 55,000 m/kg. (English number 32)
	B 4	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing not more than 130 grs. per square metre, other than those under B 3
	B 5	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 130 but not more than 200 grs. per square metre, of a width of at least 85 cm. but not more than 115 cm.
	B 6	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing per square metre more than 130 grs. but not more than 200 grs. of a width of more than 115 cm.

Group of categories 1	Categories 2	Description of product 3
GROUP I (cont'd)	B 7	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85 per cent by weight of cotton, of a width at least of 85 cm. other than plain weave
	B 8	Other woven fabrics
	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
	D	HOUSEHOLD MADE-UP ARTICLES OF COTTON
	D 1	Bed linen
	D 2	Table linen
	D 3	Terry toilet linen and terry kitchen linen

Group of categories 1	Categories 2	Description of product 3
GROUP II (cont'd)	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	Outergarments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor 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 woven outergarments for men and boys
	E 6	Woven outergarments for women, girls and infants
	E 7	Shirts and bodices for men and boys
	E 8	Other woven undergarments for men and boys
	E 9	Woven undergarments for women, girls and infants
	E 10	Handkerchiefs
	E 11	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories
	F	MISCELLANEOUS COTTON FABRICS AND MADE-UP ARTICLES
	F 1	Travelling rugs and blankets
	F 2	Floor-cloths, dish-cloths, dusters, and the like
	F 3	Pneumatic mattresses
	F 4	Others