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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

The following notification has been received by the Director-General from the United Kingdom mission.

Details of the arrangements introduced by the United Kingdom Government for the regulation of imports of cotton textiles were circulated to the Cotton Textiles Committee in an aide-memoire dated 1 July 1966 (COT/59/Add.2). Now attached for the information of the Committee is a full statement of the quotas applying to individual supplying countries, for the year ending 31 December 1969.

As we announced in our aide-memoire, imports from restricted sources were increased by 1 per cent compound in the years 1967, 1968 and 1969.

The Government intends to replace their existing general quota system at the end of 1971 and to introduce a tariff on cotton textiles from Commonwealth countries as from 1 January 1972. The abolition of quota control will not, however, apply to Eastern European countries and Mainland China.

ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO EXPORTS OF
COTTON TEXTILES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

I. The following is a summary of the arrangements as at 25 July 1969 for the control of exports of cotton spun or woven textile goods for retention in the United Kingdom during 1969 from the countries listed below.

Hong Kong

Exports of cotton textiles from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom will be limited to the following amounts:

Yarn (lb.)	6.5 million
Cloth and made-ups (sq. yds.)	193.0 million

India

Exports of cotton textiles from India to the United Kingdom will be limited to the following amounts:

Yarn (lb.)	11.8 million
Cloth and made-ups (sq. yds.)	200.9 million

Japan

Under the present arrangements, imports from Japan are restricted to:

Cotton yarn (lb.)	102,010
Textile secondary products wholly or mainly of cotton (sq. yds.)	820,000
Woven cotton fabrics (sq. yds.)	7,926,177
Industrial goods of cotton (sq. yds.)	606,000
Outer garments (including gloves), underwear, handkerchiefs, shawls, scarves, mufflers of woven cotton fabric	£392,500 (subject to negotiation)

Eastern area countries and China

The United Kingdom limits imports of cotton textiles from the USSR; Poland; Hungary; Romania; Bulgaria; East Germany; Czechoslovakia; and the People's Republic of China. The restrictions apply to:

Cotton yarn, piece-goods and made-up goods; the total annual quotas are about £2½ million.

II. The countries listed below have been allocated the following country quotas and special country quotas:

Country	Yarn	Grey cloth	Finished cloth	Made-ups	Special country quota
	'000 lb.	'000 sq.yds.	'000 sq.yds.	'000 sq.yds.	'000 sq.yds.
Algeria	2	-	-	-	-
Brazil	-	3,306	-	-	91
British Honduras	-	-	-	-	79
Ceylon	8	-	-	-	-
Colombia	-	472	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	14	-	-	110
Formosa	-	2,232	-	-	343
Gibraltar	-	-	-	-	386
Greece	278	55	-	-	64
Iran	-	-	-	-	10
Israel	707	10	155	135	515
Jamaica	-	337	-	381	515
Kenya	-	-	-	-	10
Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
Macao	-	-	-	1,455	515
Malaysia	-	2,658	82	26	515
Malta	146	26	-	210	433
Mexico	-	484	-	-	-
Morocco	-	-	-	-	31
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	64
Pakistan	292	21,601	625	259	515
Senegal	-	-	-	-	10
Singapore	-	400	430	2,579	515
South Africa	-	-	-	364	515
South Korea	-	5,173	-	-	205
Spain	2,559	4,667	1,725	2,711	515
Surinam	-	30	-	-	-
Syria	4	-	-	-	Nil
Thailand	-	-	-	-	21
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	-	-	43
Turkey	-	2,406	-	-	10
United Arab Republic	375	1,700	286	-	515
Yugoslavia	-	2,992	889	109	515

III. Global quota

In addition to the preceding individual country quotas and special country quotas, all countries, with the exception of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United States, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Portugal, the Republic of Ireland, and the Eastern area countries may participate in a global quota of:

Yarn	4,389,598 lb.
Grey cloth	54,163,954 sq.yds.
Finished and piece-goods	5,107,717 sq.yds.
Made-up goods	8,708,104 sq.yds. equivalent.

Within these group totals the following category limits will apply:

Yarn (lb.)

Folded, grey or finished	1,772,118
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Grey cloth (sq.yds.)

Drills, jeans and gaberdines	1,641,269
Poplins	580,059
Other fabrics exceeding 46 ins. in width but not exceeding 60 ins. width	3,173,327
Other fabrics exceeding 60 ins. width	6,572,290

Finished cloth (sq.yds.)

Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics	3,091
Corduroys	529,575
Poplins	455,908
Other yarn-dyed piece-goods	1,019,998
Other bleached piece-goods	2,557,722
Other printed piece-goods	177,727

Made-ups (sq.yds. equivalent)

Bed linen	1,934,390
Towels	853,090
Men's and boys' shirts	1,354,330
Men's, women's and children's nightwear and underwear	1,713,906
Raincoats and other proofed garments	27,293
Handkerchiefs	83,969
Men's and boys' coats, waistcoats and trousers	1,339,391