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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Greece

Addendum

Attached is the text of the United States note relating to a new cotton textiles agreement between the United States and Greece. The term of this agreement is from 1 July 1971 through 30 September 1975. The new agreement replaces the agreement of 8 April 1969<sup>1</sup>.

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

<sup>1</sup>See COT/202

The text of the United States note:

24 June 1971

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the Long-Term Arrangement), done in Geneva on 9 February 1962, as extended by Protocol through 30 September 1973. I also refer to the agreement between our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from Greece to the United States, effected by an exchange of notes dated 8 April 1969<sup>1</sup>, hereinafter referred to as the 1969 Agreement. On the basis of the recent discussions between our two Governments, I propose, on behalf of my Government, that the 1969 Agreement be replaced as of 1 July 1971, by a new agreement as provided in the following numbered paragraphs:

1. The term of this agreement shall be from 1 July 1971 through 30 June 1975. During the term of this agreement the Government of Greece shall limit annual exports of cotton textiles from Greece to the United States to aggregate and group limits at the levels specified in the following paragraphs.

2. For the first agreement year, constituting the twelve-month period beginning 1 July 1971 the aggregate limit shall be 10,900,000 square yards equivalent.

3. Within the aggregate limit, group limits shall apply to each of the following groups of categories. For the first agreement year the levels (in square yard equivalent) shall be as follows:

	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SQUARE YARD EQUIVALENT</u>
Group I		
Yarn (Categories 1-4)	1,863,771 lb.	8,573,347 sq. yds.
Group II		
Fabrics and made-up goods (Categories 5-38, 64)	1,803,373 sq. yds.	1,803,378 sq. yds.
Group III		
Apparel (Categories 39-63)	523,274 sq. yds.	523,274 sq. yds.

4. The limitation on yarn may be exceeded in any agreement year by the amount by which exports of other cotton textiles from Greece to the United States are less than the sum of the limitations applicable to fabrics, made-up goods and apparel for that period.

<sup>1</sup>See COT/202

5. Within the aggregate limit in any agreement year, the limit for Group II may be exceeded by not more than 10 per cent and the limit for Group III may be exceeded by not more than 5 per cent. Within the applicable group limit (as it may be adjusted under this provision) specific limits, should any be established, may be exceeded by not more than 5 per cent.

6. Categories in Groups II and III are subject to consultation levels and to the group and aggregate limits. In the event the Government of Greece wishes to permit export in any category in excess of the applicable consultation level during any agreement year, the Government of Greece shall request consultations with the Government of the United States of America on this question and the Government of the United States of America shall enter into such consultations. Until agreement on a different level of exports is reached, the Government of Greece shall limit its exports in the category in question to the consultation level. For the first agreement year, the consultation level for each category not given a specific limit shall be 500,000 square yards equivalent in categories 5-38 and category 64 and 350,000 square yards equivalent in categories 39-63.

7. In the second and any succeeding twelve-month period for which any limitation is in effect under this agreement, the level of exports permitted under such limitation shall be increased by 5 per cent of the corresponding level for the preceding twelve month period, the latter level not to include any adjustments under paragraphs 5 or 8.

8. (a) For any agreement year immediately following a year of a shortfall (i.e., a year in which cotton textile exports from Greece to the United States were below the aggregate limit and any group and specific limits applicable to the category concerned should specific category limits be established by subsequent amendment of this agreement) the Government of Greece may permit exports to exceed these limits by carryover in the following amounts and manner:

(i) The carryover shall not exceed the amount of shortfall in either the aggregate limit or any applicable group or specific limit and shall not exceed either 5 per cent of the aggregate limit or 5 per cent of the applicable group limit in the year of the shortfall; and

(ii) In the case of shortfalls in the categories subject to specific limits the carryover shall not exceed 5 per cent of the specific limit in the year of the shortfall, shall be used in the same category in which the shortfall occurred, and shall be in addition to the exports permitted in paragraph 5; and

(iii) In the case of shortfalls not attributable to categories subject to specific limits, the carryover shall be used in the same group in which the shortfall occurred, shall not be used to exceed any applicable specific limit except in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5, and shall not be used to exceed the limits in paragraph 6 of the agreement.

(b) The limits referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph are without any adjustments under this paragraph or paragraph 5.

9. The Government of Greece shall use its best efforts to space exports from Greece to the United States within each category evenly throughout the agreement year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

10. The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of Greece with data on monthly imports of cotton textiles from Greece; and the Government of Greece shall promptly supply the Government of the United States of America with data on monthly exports of cotton textiles to the United States. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other pertinent and readily available statistical data requested by the other Government.

11. In implementing this agreement, the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yard equivalents listed in the annex hereto shall apply. In any situation where the determination of an article to be a cotton textile would be affected by whether the criterion provided for in Article 9 of the Long-Term Arrangement or the criterion provided for in paragraph 2 of Annex E of the Long-Term Arrangement is used, the chief value criterion used by the Government of the United States of America in accordance with paragraph 2 of Annex E shall apply.

12. The Government of Greece and the Government of the United States of America agree to consult on any question arising in the implementation of this agreement.

13. Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this agreement, including differences in points of procedure or operation.

14. If the Government of Greece considers that, as a result of limitations specified in this agreement, Greece is being placed in an inequitable position vis-a-vis a third country, the Government of Greece may request consultation with the Government of the United States of America with a view to taking appropriate remedial action such as reasonable modification of this agreement.

15. For the duration of this agreement, the Government of the United States of America shall not invoke the procedures of Article 3 or 6 (c) of the Long-Term Arrangement to request restraint on the export of cotton textiles from Greece to the United States.

16. Either Government may terminate this agreement effective at the end of any 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 at any time propose revisions in the terms of this agreement.

If the proposal is acceptable to the Government of Greece, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Greece shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Greece and the Government of the United States of America.

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

(signed) Henry J. Tasca

Enclosure: Annex

ANNEX A

<u>Category number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Conversion factor to sq. yds.</u>
1	Cotton yarn, carded singles	lb.	4.6
2	Cotton yarn, carded, plied	lb.	4.6
3	Cotton yarn, combed, singles	lb.	4.6
4	Cotton yarn, combed, plied	lb.	4.6
5	Gingham, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
6	Gingham, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
7	Velveteen	Sq. yds.	Not required
8	Corduroy	Sq. yds.	Not required
9	Sheeting, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
10	Sheeting, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
11	Lawns, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
12	Lawns, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
13	Voile, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
14	Voile, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
15	Poplin and broadcloth, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
16	Poplin and broadcloth, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
17	Typewriter ribbon cloth	Sq. yds.	Not required
18	Print cloth, shirting type, 80x80 type carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
19	Print cloth, shirting type, other than 80x80 type, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
20	Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
21	Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
22	Twill and sateen, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
23	Twill and sateen, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
24	Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
25	Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
26	Woven fabric, n.e.s., other, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
27	Woven fabric, n.e.s., other, combed	Sq. yds.	Not required
28	Pillowcases, not ornamented, carded	Nos.	1.064
29	Pillowcases, not ornamented, combed	Nos.	1.064
30	Towels, dish	Nos.	.348
31	Towels, other	Nos.	.348
32	Handkerchiefs, whether or not in the piece	Doz.	1.66
33	Table damask and manufactures	lb.	3.17
34	Sheets, carded	Nos.	6.2
35	Sheets, combed	Nos.	6.2
36	Bedsreads and quilts	Nos.	6.9
37	Braided and woven elastic	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

<u>Category number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Conversion factor sq.yds.</u>
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	Coats, other, 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, sunsuits, washsuits, creepers, rompers, etc., not knit, n.e.s.	Doz.	25.0
55	Dressing gowns, including bathrobes and beachrobes, lounging gowns, 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	Pajamas 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