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Restrictions on Trade in Cotton Textiles Outside the Provisions of the Long-Term Arrangement

Note by the Secretariat

The Cotton Textiles Committee at its meeting in December 1964 decided that information should be collected under Article 8(a) of the Long-Term Arrangement on restrictions maintained on trade in cotton textiles outside the provisions of the Arrangement. It was understood that in order to avoid duplication of work full use would be made of the notifications submitted under the various requirements and procedures of the GATT (see document L/2360 - COT/M/4, paragraphs 77 and 98).

In accordance with this decision such information was requested in GATT/AIR/495. The information received from participating countries, i.e. on restrictions on trade in cotton textiles excluding those notified in accordance with Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Arrangement are set out below country by country together with information obtained from other notifications submitted by these countries under the various requirements and procedures of the GATT. Participating countries are invited to notify the secretariat of any changes and additions that should be included in a revised version of this document.

Australia

According to the information received in response to GATT/AIR/495, Australia does not have any import restrictions outside the Arrangement.

Austria

According to the notification under the agreed procedure of the GATT on residual import restrictions the items mentioned below are subject to restriction under a global quota system. This system is not applicable to imports from Japan, the United Arab Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia.

ex 58.02B Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting and "Kelem",
 "schumacks" and "Maramie" rugs and the like (made up or not),
 of textile materials falling within chapters 53, 55 or 57 or
 of staple fibre

Source: Document L/2336 (page 9).

France

In the notification under the agreed procedure of the GATT on residual import restrictions, cotton textile items do not appear on the negative list i.e. as products subject to licensing control when imported from former OEEC countries, Canada and the United States. As regards other countries the liberalization which has taken place is listed in documents L/1945 and Add.1 and 2, L/2232 and COT/58. An additional list of products subject to licensing control when imported from Hong Kong has been given which includes the following cotton textile items¹:

- 55.08 Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton
- 55.09 Other woven fabrics of cotton
- 58.04 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)
- 58.05 Narrow woven fabrics and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading no. 58.06
- ex 59.05 Nets and netting made of twine, cordage or rope, and made-up fishing nets of yarn, twine, cordage or rope:
 - A. Fishing nets, whether or not made up.
- 60.02 Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
- ex 60.03 Stockings, under-stockings, socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized:
 - ex B. Other:
 - - ex iii. Of other textile materials
- 60.04 Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
- ex 60.05 Outergarments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized:
 - ex A. Outergarments and other articles:
 - - II. Garments
- 61.01 Men's and boys' outergarments
- 61.02 Women's, girls' and infants' outergarments
- 61.03 Men's and boys' undergarments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs

¹Import of these items may be those covered by the quota for Hong Kong which is notified under Article 2 of the Long-Term Arrangement and referred to in COT/58.

- 61.04 Women's, girls' and infants' undergarments
- 61.05 Handkerchiefs
- 61.06 Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like
- 61.09 Corsets, corset belts, suspender-belts, brassieres, braces, suspenders, garters and the like (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabric), elastic or not
- 62.02 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles
- ex 63.01 Clothing, clothing accessories, travelling rugs and blankets, household linen and furnishing articles (other than articles falling within heading no. 58.01, 58.02 or 58.03), of textile materials, footwear and headgear of any material, showing signs of appreciable wear and imported in bulk, bales, sacks or similar bulk packings:
 - ex B. Other
 - Travelling rugs and blankets

Source: Document L/2336 (page 55).

Finland

According to the information received in response to GATT/AIR/495, imports of cotton textiles from Colombia, Turkey and the Republic of Korea are subject to individual licensing and are paid for in convertible currency; for other countries which have multilateral treatment, imports of cotton textiles are admitted either free of licensing or are subject to licensing under the global quota system. Finland has invoked Article XII of the GATT.

Imports of cotton textiles listed below have been liberalized during the first, second and third years of the Arrangement for the countries which benefit from multilateral treatment.

As from 14 December 1962

- ex 55.09 Cotton fabrics containing sheep's or lambswool or other fine animal hair
- 58.03 Tapestries, handmade, of the type Goblins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needlework tapestries made in panels and the like by hand, of cotton
- ex 58.05 Narrow woven fabrics of cotton

- ex 58.06 Woven labels, badges and the like not embroidered in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size, of cotton
- ex 58.07 Gimped yarn, braids and ornamental trimmings in the piece; tassels, pom-poms and the like, of cotton
- ex 58.08 Tulle and other net fabrics, plain, of cotton
- ex 58.09 Tulle and other net fabrics, figured, hand or mechanically made, lace in the piece, in strips and motifs, of cotton
- ex 59.02 Felt and articles of felt whether or not embroidered or cut, of cotton
- ex 59.06 Other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, rope or cables, other than textile fabrics and articles made from such fabrics, of cotton
- ex 59.07 Book binding cloth, of cotton
- ex 61.06 Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, of cotton

As from 1 January 1964

- 55.08 Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton
- ex 60.01 Raschael fabrics of cotton
- 59.01 Wadding and articles of wadding; textile flock and dust and mill neps, of cotton
- 65.03/ Hats and other headgear, of cotton
- 65.06

As from 1 August 1965

- ex 58.01 Carpets, carpeting and rugs knotted (made up or not), of cotton
- ex 58.10 Embroidery in the piece, in strips or motif, of cotton
- ex 62.03 Sacks and bags of a kind used for the packing of goods, of cotton
- ex 62.04 Tarpaulins, sails, awnings, tents and camping goods, of cotton
- ex 62.05 Other made-up textile articles (including dress patterns), of cotton
- ex 61.07 Ties, bow ties and cravats, of cotton
- ex 61.08 Collars, tuckers, fallals, bodice fronts, jabots, cuffs, flounces, yokes and similar accessories for women's and girls' garments, of cotton
- ex 61.10 Gloves, mittens, mitts, stockings, socks and sockettes not being knitted or crocheted goods, of cotton

Some other items are under global quota.

Federal Republic of Germany

According to the notification under the agreed procedure of the GATT on residual import restrictions the items mentioned below are subject to import licensing¹:

- ex 55.09 Other woven fabrics, of cotton
- ex 58.04 Velvet and plush, of cotton, gauze from the weft
- ex 61.01 Outergarments, of cotton, for men and boys
- ex 61.02 Other outergarments for women, girls and infants
- ex 61.03 Underwear, of cotton, for men and boys
- ex 61.04 Underwear of cotton for women, girls and infants
- ex 61.05 Handkerchiefs of cotton
- ex 62.02 Household linen of tulle, lace, etc., of cotton

Source: Document L/2336 (page 66).

India

India has notified under the balance-of-payments consultation procedures, that commercial imports of cotton textiles are prohibited. India has invoked Article XVIII of the GATT.

Source: Document BOP/37.

Israel

Israel has notified, under the balance-of-payments consultation procedures, that imports of cotton yarn and cotton fabrics are subject to restriction.

Source: Documents BOP/29, BOP/40 and BOP/54.

Japan

According to the notification under the agreed procedure of the GATT on residual import restrictions the items mentioned below are subject to quota system²:

¹Products for which import licences are granted following collective tenders without limits in quantity or value. Under this procedure most of the imports are admitted without quantitative restriction. Only for reasons of market disruption have quotas been agreed with some contracting parties concerned. Such quotas may have been notified in accordance with Article 2 of the Long-Term Arrangement and, if so, they are referred to in document COT/58.

²These import restrictions were notified under Article 2 of the Long-Term Arrangement during the second year of the Arrangement (COT/40/Add.1).

- ex 58.09 Tulle and other net fabrics, figures; lace in the piece, in strips or in motifs; wholly or cotton, wool, flax, ramie, synthetic fibres, excluding polyvinyl alcohol fibres, polyvinyl chloride fibres, and vinylidene chloride or acetate fibres or consisting wholly of the combination of two or more of these fibres with or without other fibres
- 58.10 Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs except those embroidered on handkerchiefs, tablecloths, dresses and similar articles

Source: Document L/2336 (page 78).

Republic of Korea

According to the information received in response to GATT/AIR/495, there is total prohibition of imports of cotton yarn and cloth.

Pakistan

Pakistan has notified under the balance-of-payments consultation procedures that imports of cotton textiles are restricted.

Pakistan has invoked Article XVIII of the GATT.

Source: Document BOP/36.

Spain

According to the information received in response to GATT/AIR/495 there is a global quota for the following items, the value of this is increased by 20 per cent each year and each quota is increased by a minimum of 10 per cent over the established figure for the preceding year.

- ex 55.05-06 Cotton yarn
- ex 55.07.08 Cotton gauze, terry towelling and terry fabrics and other
09 fabrics of cotton
- ex 58.01.04 Carpets, woven fabrics of cotton, narrow woven fabrics,
05.06.07 woven labels, badges, etc., chenille yarn, tulle and
08.09 other net fabrics
- ex 60.01-10 Knitted or crocheted goods, undergarments and garments
- ex 61.01-10 Men's and boys' outer garments, women's, girls' and
infants' outer garments, men's and boys' undergarments,
women's, girls' and infants' undergarments
- 62.10-10 Other made-up articles

Spain has invoked Article XII of the GATT.

Sweden

According to information received in response to GATT/AIR/495 quota restrictions on imports of cotton textiles during 1964 from the Eastern European countries are given below:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Quota for various textile goods</u> ('000 S.Kr.) | <u>Import of cotton textiles</u> ('000 S.Kr.) |
|----------------|---|---|
| Poland | 7,000 (out of which cotton grey cloth 1,320) | 4,723 (553) |
| Czechoslovakia | 10,000 (out of which cotton grey cloth 1,000) | 4,567 (32) |
| Hungary | 10,000 | 7,527 |
| Rumania | 1,500 | 340 |
| Bulgaria | 3,700 (out of which cotton grey cloth 3,120) | 187 |

Republic of China

According to the notification received in the secretariat, several items of cotton textiles are subject to import restriction in the Republic of China, regardless of country of origin. The following items are those items imports of which are not restricted:

- Cotton threads
- Cotton elastic yarns
- Cotton rag, etc.
- Interlining cloth, etc.
- Tracing cloth, etc.
- Firemats, fireproof clothing, surgical and sanitary sundries (absorbent but not medicated as gauze, bandages, etc.)
- Cotton elastic webbing, braid and cord

United Arab Republic

According to the notification received in the secretariat, imports of cotton textiles are restricted. Quantitative restrictions are maintained for balance-of-payments reasons.

United Kingdom

The arrangements mentioned hereunder have been notified by the United Kingdom under Article 8(a) of the Long-Term Arrangement in the following terms:

Pakistan

Pakistan is limiting exports of cotton textiles to Britain to the following amounts:

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| Cotton piece-goods and made-up goods | 42.4 m. sq.yds. |
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For 1965 the following supplementary quota has been accorded:

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| Cotton piece-goods and made-up goods | 2,410,000 sq.yds. |
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The United Kingdom is limiting imports of cotton textiles from Pakistan to the following amounts:

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| Cotton yarn | 0.6 m. lbs. |
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Formosa

The United Kingdom is limiting imports of cotton textiles from Formosa to the following amounts:

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| Cotton grey cloth | 2 m. sq.yds. |
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Source: Document COT/53.

United States

According to information received in response to GATT/AIR/495, the United States does not have any import restriction outside the Arrangement.