

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF CEYLON

Restriction of Certain Textile Imports

1. The Government of Ceylon has advised that the import of sarongs and sarong cloth has been placed under licensing restriction for balance-of-payment reasons.
2. The following extract from Ceylon Gazette Extraordinary No.12239 of 1 December 1960 has been transmitted by the Government of Ceylon for the information of the contracting parties:

"IMPORT CONTROL NOTICE NO.44/60

"Importation of Sarongs and Sarong Cloth

"1. Further to Import Control Notice No.26/60 relating to imports of textiles published in Gazette Extraordinary No.12183 of 12 August 1960, importers are hereby informed that the importation from any source of sarongs and sarong cloth manufactured of cotton, artificial silk, rayon, synthetic fibres or any admixtures thereof will not hereafter be allowed except on an individual import licence, obtained before any orders are placed.

"2. All orders for sarongs and/or sarong cloth not already covered by irrevocable letters of credit should be cancelled.

"3. Sarong cloth means all cloth other than sarees, shawls, verties and camboys, whether manufactured as piece-goods or otherwise -

- (a) with one or more border designs running along the warp; and/or
- (b) with one or more ihas;
- (c) pyjama cloth (striped cloth normally used for making pyjama suits) which in the opinion of the Controller is convertible into sarongs.

In the above -

'Verty' means a verty or dhoti made of material other than poplin;

'Iha' means bands which cross the warp at intervals to form patterns distinct from the background of the textiles into which the bands are woven; and

'Camboy' means a camboy not more than 4 yards in length with ihas at each end of the camboy and each iha not less than 7 inches in width."