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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 notes exchanged between the Governments of the United States and Greece amending the United States-Greece Bilateral Agreement concerning trade in cotton textiles of 17 July 1964, previously amended on 23 May 1966.

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

Note No. 1

23 February 1968

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles, hereinafter referred to as the LTA, done in Geneva on 9 February 1962 and to the Protocol extending the LTA through 30 September 1970. 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 17 July 1964, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the 1964 Agreement.¹ The Protocol extending the LTA having entered into force for our two Governments, I propose, on behalf of my Government, that the 1964 Agreement be further amended as of 1 September 1966, to read as follows in its substantive provisions:

- "1. The Government of Greece shall limit exports to the United States in all categories of cotton textiles (a) for the sixteen-month period beginning 1 September 1966 and extending through 31 December 1967 (hereinafter called the 'first agreement year'), and (b) for the twelve-month period beginning 1 January 1968 (hereinafter called the 'second agreement year'), in accordance with the following:

| | First agreement year 1 September 1966 through 31 December 1967 | Second agreement year 1 January 1968 through 31 December 1968 |
|---|--|---|
| (a) Yarn (Categories 1-4) | 2,000,000 lb. | 1,420,125 lb. |
| (b) Fabrics and made-up goods (Categories 5-38, 64) | 1,488,375 sq.yds. equivalent | 1,157,625 sq.yds. equivalent |
| (c) Apparel (Categories 39-63) | 297,675 sq.yds. equivalent | 231,525 sq.yds. equivalent |

- "2. The limitation on yarn may be exceeded in any agreement year after 31 August 1966 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 year.

His Excellency Christian Xanthopoulos-Palmas,
Ambassador of Greece.

¹See document COT/33 and Add.1.

- "3. Within the ceiling for fabrics and made-up goods, exports in any one category shall not exceed 220,500 square yards equivalent in any agreement year except by mutual agreement of the two Governments.
- "4. In the succeeding twelve-month periods following the second agreement year for which any limitation or ceiling is in force under this agreement, the level of exports permitted under such limitation or ceiling shall be increased by 5 per cent over the corresponding level for the preceding twelve-month period.
- "5. The Government of Greece shall space exports in the yarn categories 1, 2, 3, and 4 as evenly as practicable within any agreement year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.
- "6. In the event of undue concentration in exports from Greece to the United States of yarn in categories 2, 3 or 4, the Government of the United States may request consultation with the Government of Greece in order to reach a mutually satisfactory solution to the problem. The Government of Greece shall enter into such consultations when requested. Until a mutually satisfactory solution is reached, the Government of Greece shall limit the exports from Greece to the United States of yarn in the category in question starting with the twelve-month period beginning on the date of the request for consultation. This limit shall be 105 per cent of the exports from Greece to the United States of that category of yarn during the most recent twelve-month period preceding the request for consultation for which statistics are available to our two Governments on the date of the request.
- "7. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any available statistical data requested by the other Government. In the implementation of this agreement, the system of categories and the factors for conversion into square yards equivalent set forth in the Annex hereto shall apply.
- "8. For the duration of this agreement, the Government of the United States shall not invoke the procedures of Article 3 of the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles done at Geneva on 9 February 1962 to request restraint on the export of cotton textiles from Greece to the United States. The applicability of the LTA to trade in cotton textiles between Greece and the United States shall otherwise be unaffected by this agreement.
- "9. The Governments agree to consult on any questions arising in the implementation of this agreement.

- "10. The agreement shall continue in force through 31 December 1970. As used herein, the term 'agreement year' means a twelve-month period from 1 January through 31 December, except for the first agreement year, the duration of which is specified in paragraph 1. Either Government may propose revisions in the terms of the agreement, or may terminate the agreement at any time, giving notice of at least thirty days prior to that proposed revision or termination.
- "11. The Government of the United States, barring a significant downturn in the United States cotton textile industry, will annually accede to requests by the Government of Greece for permission to raise the yarn ceiling for any agreement year after 31 December 1967, to 2,000,000 pounds. The Government of the United States will respond to such requests within a reasonable time. Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph 4 of this agreement, this 2,000,000 pound limit shall not be increased by 5 per cent for any succeeding twelve-month period for which it is in effect.
- "12. In addition, the following special provision applies to exports in the first agreement year, extending from 1 September 1966 through 31 December 1967: yarn, categories 1 through 4, exported in excess of the applicable limitations in paragraphs 1 and 2, shall be charged against the limits applicable to yarn for the second agreement year.
- "13. 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-à-vis a third country, the Government of Greece may request consultation with the Government of the United States with a view to taking appropriate remedial action such as a reasonable modification of this agreement.
- "14. (a) Beginning with shortfalls in the first agreement year, shortfalls may be carried over as follows:
- (i) 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 in any of the groups set out in paragraph 1 were below the limits specified therein), the Government of Greece may permit exports to exceed the appropriate limits by carryover in an amount equal to either the amount of the shortfall or 5 per cent of the group limit applicable in the year of the shortfall, whichever is lower. The carryover shall be used in the same group in which the shortfall occurred, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, and 6 of this agreement.

- (ii) In determining the amount of shortfall in the fabric and/or apparel groups for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a)(1), the actual shortfall in this group or groups shall be reduced by the square yard equivalent of those yarn exports made during the year of the shortfall that were permitted under paragraph 2 of this agreement.
 - (b) For the purpose of determining shortfall, the limits referred to in sub-paragraph (a) are to be those established in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 4 of this agreement, without the addition of any amount of carryover permitted under sub-paragraph (a).
 - (c) The carryover shall be permitted in addition to the exports permitted under paragraph 2 of this agreement.
- "15. Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this arrangement including differences in points of procedure or operation."

If the foregoing conforms with the understanding of your Government, this note and Your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Greece shall constitute an amendment to the cotton textile agreement between our two Governments.

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

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) Anthony M. Solomon

Enclosure: Annex A

Note No. 2

23 February 1968

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note of 23 February 1968, concerning exports of cotton textiles from Greece to the United States.

I confirm, on behalf of my Government, the understanding that the agreement between our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from Greece to the United States effected by exchange of notes dated 17 July 1964, as amended, is amended as of 1 September 1966, as set forth in your note of 23 February 1968.

Accordingly, your note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

Christian X. Palamas

The Honourable Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

ANNEX A

LIST OF COTTON TEXTILE CATEGORIES
AND CONVERSION FACTORS
FOR FABRICS AND MADE-UP GOODS

| <u>Category Number</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Conversion Factor</u> |
|------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Yarn</u> | | | |
| 1 | Yarn, carded, singles | lb. | 4.6 |
| 2 | Yarn, carded, plied | lb. | 4.6 |
| 3 | Yarn, combed, singles | lb. | 4.6 |
| 4 | Yarn, combed, plied | lb. | 4.6 |
| <u>Fabrics</u> | | | |
| 5 | Ginghams, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 6 | Ginghams, combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 7 | Velveteens | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 8 | Corduroy | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 9 | Sheeting, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 10 | Sheeting, combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 11 | Lawns, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 12 | Lawns, combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 13 | Voiles, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 14 | Voiles, combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 15 | Poplin and broadcloth, carded yarn | sq.yds. | |
| 16 | Poplin and broadcloth, combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 17 | Typewriter ribbon cloth | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 18 | Print cloth, shirting type, 80 x 80 type, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 19 | Print cloth, shirting type, other than 80 x 80 type, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 20 | Shirting, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 21 | Shirting, combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 22 | Twill and sateen, carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 23 | Twill and sateen, combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 24 | Yarn-dyed fabrics, n.e.s., carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |

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|----------------------------|--|-------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Yarn</u> | | | |
| 25 | Yarn-dyed fabrics, n.e.s., combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 26 | Fabrics, n.e.s., carded yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| 27 | Fabrics, n.e.s., combed yarn | sq.yds. | 1.0 |
| <u>Made-up goods</u> | | | |
| 28 | Pillowcases, plain carded yarn | numbers | 1.084 |
| 29 | Pillowcases, plain combed yarn | numbers | 1.084 |
| 30 | Dish towels | numbers | 0.348 |
| 31 | Towels, other than dish towels | numbers | 0.348 |
| 32 | Handkerchiefs | dozen | 1.66 |
| 33 | Table damasks and manufactures | pounds | 3.17 |
| 34 | Sheets, carded yarn | numbers | 6.2 |
| 35 | Sheets, combed yarn | numbers | 6.2 |
| 36 | Bedspreads, including quilts | numbers | 6.9 |
| 37 | Braided and woven elastics | pounds | 4.6 |
| 38 | Fishing nets | pounds | 4.6 |
| <u>Apparel¹</u> | | | |
| 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 |
| 44 | Sweaters and cardigans | doz. | 36.8 |

¹Each component of apparel items imported in sets shall be recorded separately under its appropriate category.

| <u>Category Number</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Conversion Factor</u> |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|
| 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, three-quarter length or longer, not knit | doz. | 50.0 |
| 49 | Other coats, 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, washsuits, sunsuits, creepers, rompers, etc., not knit, n.e.s. | doz. | 25.0 |
| 55 | Dressing gowns, including bathrobes, beach robes, 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 | Pyjamas 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 ¹ |
| 64 | All other cotton textiles | lb. | 4.6 |

¹For purposes of converting dozens into pounds under the United States cotton textile classification system, the factor to be used is 1.74.