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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Singapore<sup>1</sup>

Addendum

Attached is the text of the notes exchanged between the Government of the United States and the Government of Singapore constituting a new bilateral agreement between the two countries concerning trade in cotton textiles.

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

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<sup>1</sup>Not party to the Cotton Textiles Arrangement

Note No. 1

19 January 1971

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the cotton textile arrangement between our two Governments effected by exchange of letters dated 17 and 23 December 1968 and to recent discussions concerning the exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States. I wish to inform you that in accordance with the understanding reached during the discussions, the Singapore Cotton Textile Industry will voluntarily restrain its exports to the United States in accordance with the Singapore Cotton Textile Restraint Schedule attached to this note.

In view of this action by the Singapore Industry, I propose the following arrangement concerning this trade, to be effective as of 1 January 1971:

1. The Government of the United States of America agrees not to invoke procedures under Articles 6(C) and 3 of the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles to limit cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States during the term of this arrangement.
2. The Government of the Republic of Singapore undertakes that the exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States will be restrained in accordance with the attached voluntary schedule.
3. The Government of the United States shall promptly supply the Government of the Republic of Singapore with data on monthly imports of cotton textiles from Singapore. The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall promptly supply the Government of the United States with data on monthly exports of cotton textiles to the United States. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other available statistical data requested by the other Government.
4. The Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of the United States agree to consult on any question concerning trade in cotton textiles between our two countries, including levels of exports in categories not given specific limits in the attached schedule and in made-up goods or apparel made from a particular fabric.

His Excellency William P. Rogers.  
The Secretary of State,  
The Department of State,  
Washington, D.C.

5. If the Government of the Republic of Singapore considers that as a result of the restraints specified in the attached schedule, Singapore is being placed in an inequitable position, vis-a-vis a third country, the Government of the Republic of Singapore may request consultations with the Government of the United States with a view to taking appropriate remedial action such as consent of the Government of the United States to reasonable modification of this arrangement, including the attached schedule.
6. 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.
7. This arrangement shall continue in force through 31 December 1974, except that either Government may terminate this arrangement effective at the end of any limitation year by written notice to the other Government to be given at least ninety days prior to such termination date. Either Government may at any time propose revisions in this arrangement including the attached schedule.
8. The Government of the United States may assist the Government of the Republic of Singapore in implementing the limitation provisions of this arrangement by controlling imports of cotton textiles covered by the arrangement.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, this note and your Excellency's note of acceptance shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

(Prof. E.S. Monteiro)  
Ambassador of Singapore

SINGAPORE COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY RESTRAINT SCHEDULE

The Singapore Cotton Textile Industry will restrain its exports of cotton textiles to the United States as follows:

1. During the period 1 January 1971 to 31 December 1974 exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States will be limited to aggregate, group and specific limits at the levels specified below.
2. For the first limitation year, constituting the twelve-month period beginning 1 January 1971 the aggregate limit shall be 44,850,000 square yards.
3. Within this aggregate limit the following group limits shall apply for the first limitation year:

In square yards equivalent

Group I	Apparel categories (categories 39-63)	29,900,000
Group II	All other categories (categories 1-38 and 64)	14,950,000

4. Within the aggregate limit and the applicable group limits, the following specific limits shall apply for the first limitation year:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>In sq. yd. equivalent</u>
<u>Apparel categories (Group I)</u>			
39	136,301	Doz.	480,733
41 and 42	149,583	Doz.	1,082,086
43 and part of 62 (blouses)	198,093	Doz.	1,433,007
45	69,458	Doz.	1,540,995
46 and 47 (of which category 46 not to exceed 60,000 doz.)	104,186	Doz.	2,442,919
48	13,230	Doz.	661,500
49	26,460	Doz.	859,950
50	185,220	Doz.	3,296,360
51	81,034	Doz.	1,442,162
52	34,729	Doz.	504,612
53	15,050	Doz.	681,765
54	69,766	Doz.	1,744,155
55	44,850	Doz.	2,287,335
60	202,585	Doz.	10,526,317
63	104,507	Lb.	480,733

<u>Category</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>In sq. yd. equivalent</u>
<u>All other categories (Group II)</u>			
9 and 10		Sq. yds.	1,515,938
22 and 23		Sq. yds.	1,212,750
26 (of which not more than 1,736,438 sq. yds. in duck)		Sq. yds.	2,752,943
31 Shop towels	20,149,290	Nos.	7,011,953
31 Other	2,438,841	Nos.	848,717

5. (a) Within the aggregate limit, the limit for Group I may be exceeded by 5 per cent, and the limit for Group II may be exceeded by 10 per cent.

(b) Within the applicable group limit (as it may be adjusted under this paragraph) specific limits may be exceeded by 5 per cent.

6. (a) If it appears that cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States in any category for which no specific limit is applicable are likely to exceed the consultation level specified below for any limitation year, the industry shall notify the Government of the Republic of Singapore. Until the industry has been informed that the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the United States Government have consulted on the effect of such shipments on conditions of the United States domestic market in the category in question and have concluded such consultations on a mutually satisfactory basis, these exports shall be limited to the consultation level. For the first limitation year, the consultation level for categories in Group I shall be 446,698 square yards, and for categories in Group II shall be 578,813 square yards.

(b) In the event that the United States Government requests consultations with the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning undue concentration in exports from Singapore to the United States in made-up goods or apparel made from a particular fabric, these exports will be limited until the two Governments reach a mutually satisfactory solution. The limit shall be on the basis of the twelve-month period beginning on the date the United States Government requests consultations under this paragraph and shall be 105 per cent of the exports of such products from Singapore to the United States during the most recent twelve-month period preceding the request for consultation and for which statistics were available to the two Governments on the date of the request. Any exports limited pursuant to this paragraph shall also be counted against all other applicable limits specified in this schedule.

7. In the second and succeeding twelve-month periods for which this schedule is in effect, the level of exports permitted under each limitation in this schedule shall be increased by 5 per cent over the corresponding level for the preceding twelve-month period. The corresponding level for the preceding twelve-month period shall not include any adjustments under paragraph 5 or 8.

8. (a) For any limitation year subsequent to the first limitation year and immediately following a year of a shortfall (i.e. a year in which cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States were below the aggregate limit and any group and specific limits applicable to the category concerned) exports may be permitted to exceed these limits by carry-over in the following amounts and manner:

(i) The carry-over shall not exceed the amount of the 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 carry-over shall be used in the same category in which the shortfall occurred and shall not exceed 5 per cent of the specific limit in the year of the shortfall, and

(iii) in the case of shortfalls not attributable to categories subject to specific limits, the carry-over 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 in paragraph 5 and shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this schedule.

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

(c) The carry-over shall be in addition to the exports permitted in paragraph 5.

9. Cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States within each category shall be spaced as evenly as practicable throughout the limitation year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

10. In implementing this schedule 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 is used 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.

ANNEX

<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, 80 x 80 type, carded	Sq. yds.	Not required
19	Print cloth, shirting type, other than 80 x 80 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	Numbers	1.084
29	Pillowcases, not ornamented, combed	Numbers	1.084
30	Towels, dish	Numbers	.348
31	Towels, other	Numbers	.348
32	Handkerchiefs, whether or not in the piece	Dozen	1.66
33	Table damask and manufactures	Lb.	3.17
34	Sheets, carded	Numbers	6.2
35	Sheets, combed	Numbers	6.2

<u>Category number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Conversion factor to sq. yds.</u>
36	Bedspreads and quilts	Numbers	6.9
37	Braided and woven elastic	Lb.	4.6
38	Fishing nets and fish netting	Lb.	4.6
39	Gloves and mittens	Dozen	3.527
40	Hose and half hose	Doz. prs.	4.6
41	T-shirts, all white, knit, men's and boys'	Dozen	7.234
42	T-shirts, other knit	Dozen	7.234
43	Shirts, knit, other than T-shirts and sweatshirts	Dozen	7.234
44	Sweaters and cardigans	Dozen	36.8
45	Shirts, dress, not knit, men's and boys'	Dozen	22.186
46	Shirts, sport, not knit, men's and boys'	Dozen	24.457
47	Shirts, work, not knit, men's and boys'	Dozen	22.186
48	Raincoats, 3/4 length or longer, not knit	Dozen	50.0
49	Coats, other, not knit	Dozen	32.5
50	Trousers, slacks, and shorts (outer), not knit, men's and boys'	Dozen	17.797
51	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) not knit, women's, girls' and infants'	Dozen	17.797
52	Blouses, not knit	Dozen	14.53
53	Dresses (including uniforms) not knit	Dozen	45.3
54	Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits, creepers, rompers, etc. not knit, n.e.s.	Dozen	25.0
55	Dressing gowns, including bathrobes and beachrobes, lounging gowns, housecoats, and dusters, not knit	Dozen	51.0
56	Undershirts, knit, men's and boys'	Dozen	9.2
57	Briefs and undershorts, men's and boys'	Dozen	11.25
58	Drawers, shorts and briefs, knit, n.e.s.	Dozen	5.0
59	All other underwear, not knit	Dozen	16.0
60	Pyjamas and other nightwear	Dozen	51.95
61	Brassières and other body supporting garments	Dozen	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

Note No. 2

19 January 1971

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of 19 January 1971, with attachment, proposing an agreement between our two Governments, to be effective 1 January 1971, concerning the export of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States.

I wish to inform you that the Government of the United States of America accepts the proposal contained in your note.

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

For the Secretary of State:

Julius L. Katz

His Excellency Dr. Ernest Steven Monteiro.  
Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore.

Note No. 3

19 January 1971

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the agreement concerning trade in cotton textiles between Singapore and the United States effected by an exchange of letters signed at Singapore 17 and 23 December 1968, and to the successor to that agreement, effected by exchange of notes of today's date.

I also refer to discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles in certain categories from Singapore to the United States that were in excess of the specific limits provided for those categories in the agreement effected by an exchange of letters of December 1968.

I confirm, on behalf of my Government, that the following agreement has been reached to resolve this question:

1. The Government of Singapore agrees that during the calendar year 1971, the first year of the agreement effected by the exchange of notes of 19 January 1971, within the specific limits provided for the following categories under the terms of that agreement, the Government of Singapore will not permit the export of the following quantities of cotton textiles in the categories listed pending resolution of the issue of the amount of excess shipments during the period covered by the previous agreement:

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Quantity not to be exported</u>
9/10	68,714 square yards
26 (duck)	407,793 square yards
31 (shop towels)	1,596,951 pieces
34	39,691 pieces
43	12,691 dozen
46	39,928 dozen (to be deducted from the combined categories 46/47)
49	2,635 dozen
60	44,305 dozen
62	23,497 pounds

His Excellency Dr. Ernest Steven Monteiro  
Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore.

2. After the two Governments have reached agreement on the amount of cotton textiles in all the foregoing categories which were shipped in excess of the specific limits provided for in the agreement effected by an exchange of letters of December 1968, these amounts shall be deducted from the quantities which Singapore has refrained from exporting under the preceding paragraphs and the balance, if any, may then be exported in the balance of calendar year 1971.

If the foregoing conforms with your understanding, this note and your note in reply on behalf of the Government of Singapore will constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

For the Secretary of State:

Julius L. Katz

Note No. 4

19 January 1971

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of 19 January 1971 concerning exports of cotton textiles in certain categories from Singapore to the United States that were reportedly in excess of the specific limits provided for those categories in the agreement effected by an exchange of letters in December 1968.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore, I wish to accept the proposal contained in your note.

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

(Prof. E.S. Monteiro)  
Ambassador of Singapore

His Excellency William P. Rogers  
The Secretary of State,  
The Department of State,  
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