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COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE

Basic Statistics for the Long-Term Arrangement

1. The Statistical Sub-Committee at its meeting of 24 to 26 January 1962 examined the nature of the data which might be required for the implementation of the Long-Term Arrangement and recommended that certain statistics on foreign trade, production and consumption of cotton textiles be collected regularly (see L/1717, Section II, pages 4-5). The Cotton Textiles Committee at its meeting of 10 to 12 September 1962 agreed that members of the Committee would draw the attention of their governments to the fact that participating countries would be expected, in order to ensure the effective operation of the Arrangement, to communicate to the secretariat statistics of imports and exports and other information, as envisaged in the report of the Statistical Sub-Committee and in accordance with Article 5 of the Arrangement.

2. At its meeting on 13 November 1962 the Cotton Textiles Committee had before it three questionnaires drawn up by the secretariat. The Committee agreed that:

- (a) the three questionnaires should be sent to governments by the secretariat;
- (b) the replies received from individual governments on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, should be distributed by the secretariat as and when they are received;
- (c) the secretariat should consolidate and issue statistics on a quarterly and on an annual basis.

3. The three questionnaires are attached herewith. The required data beginning with the month of October 1962 should be sent to the secretariat as soon as possible. For reference purposes it would also be useful to have data for the years 1961 and 1962.

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Questionnaire No. 1

Monthly Statistics on Foreign Trade in Cotton Textiles

1. In order to ensure the effective operation of the Arrangement, statistics on production, foreign trade and consumption of cotton textiles will be required by the Cotton Textiles Committee. Participating countries are therefore invited, in accordance with Article 5 of the Arrangement, to communicate the necessary data to the secretariat.
2. Having regard to the need for current and up-to-date documentation on foreign trade in cotton textiles, the present questionnaire lists data on trade which should be communicated on a monthly basis. Supplementary statistics on foreign trade as well as data on production and consumption which should be communicated less frequently are listed in Questionnaires No. 2 and 3.
3. The data to be collected on a monthly basis as from October 1962 are as follows:

(i) Quantity and value of total imports and of total exports of the following groups of textile products¹:

- cotton yarns
 - cotton fabrics, grey
 - cotton fabrics, other than grey
 - household made-up articles of cotton
 - clothing of all fibres
- .. of which: cotton clothing.²

If, for the last group mentioned, data on quantities are not available, only values should be reported.

¹For detailed definitions of the groups to be distinguished, see Annex.

²As certain countries may have difficulties in distinguishing clothing made of cotton from that made of other fibres, figures covering all fibres should be accompanied at least by an estimate of the part represented by cotton.

- (ii) Quantity and value of imports by provenance and of exports by destination¹ for each of the classes listed above. If, for the last group mentioned, data on quantities are not available, only values should be reported.

As recommended by the Statistical Sub-Committee the data on imports should relate to retained imports. If such data are not available, the nature of the data supplied should be indicated.

The information requested should be drawn up by the participating countries as rapidly as possible. Should the data listed under (i) be available before those under (ii) it would be helpful if the former data were supplied separately, in advance of the detailed statement defined under (ii). In the case of countries reporting provisional figures, final statements or revisions of the provisional figures should be supplied with the subsequent submissions.

¹The breakdown by provenance or destination should be given in the fullest possible detail; in all cases, countries participating in the Arrangement should be shown separately.

ANNEX

The groups of cotton textiles to be distinguished are defined in terms of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification, 1960 Revision (SITC Rev.) and the Nomenclature for the Classification of Goods in Customs Tariffs of the Customs Co-operation Council, Brussels (BTN) as follows:

	<u>SITC Rev.</u>	<u>BTN</u>
Cotton yarns	651.3 .4	55.05 .06
Cotton fabrics, grey	652.1	55.07A .08A .09A
Cotton fabrics, other than grey	•52.2	55.07B .08B .09B 58.04
Household made-up articles of cotton	ex 656.9(1)	ex 52.02
Clothing	841.1 .2 .4 .5	60.02-06 61.01-11 65.03-07

Note: According to Article 9 of the Arrangement, the expression "cotton textiles" includes yarns, piece-goods, made-up articles, garments, and other textile manufactured products, in which cotton represents more than 50 per cent (by weight) of the fibre content, with the exception of hand-loom fabrics of the cottage industry. Should the data reported not comply with these specifications, detailed definitions should be supplied.

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Questionnaire No. 2

Quarterly Statistics on Production and Foreign Trade in Cotton Textiles

1. In order to ensure the effective operation of the Arrangement, statistics on production, foreign trade and consumption of cotton textiles will be required by the Cotton Textiles Committee. Participating countries are therefore invited, in accordance with Article 5 of the Arrangement, to communicate the necessary data to the secretariat.
2. The present questionnaire lists statistics which might be supplied on a quarterly basis and covers data on production of cotton yarns and fabrics as well as information on trade completing the data listed in Questionnaire No. 1.
3. The data to be collected on a quarterly basis as from October 1962 are as follows:

A. Data on Production

- (i) Production of cotton yarn (SITC Rev. 651.3; BTN 55.05)
- (ii) Production of cotton woven fabrics of standard type (including fabrics for blankets) (SITC 652; BTN 55.07, 55.08, 55.09 and 58.04A).

The data should include yarn and fabrics of cotton made in the cotton as well as in the other sectors of the textile industries. In order to avoid double counting, the figures for yarn should represent single yarn; those on fabrics should relate to fabrics at loom stage. According to Article 9 of the Arrangement, yarns and fabrics of cotton are those in which cotton represents more than 50% (by weight) of the fibre content, with the exception of hand-loom fabrics of the cottage industry. If this definition is not followed, countries are requested to specify which definition has been used.

B. Supplementary data on trade

- (i) Value (and quantity if available) of imports by provenance and exports by destination¹ of miscellaneous cotton fabrics and made-up articles.² The breakdown by fibre may be difficult to establish for some of the products included in this group; in that case figures for trade covering all fibres should be furnished together with an estimate of the part represented by cotton.

¹ The breakdown by provenance or destination should be given in the fullest possible detail; in all cases countries participating in the Arrangement should be shown separately.

² For a detailed definition of this group of articles see Annex.

- (ii) In order to arrive at comparable figures relating to retained imports for all participating countries, estimates of the quantity and value of re-exports broken down according to the countries of provenance, for each of the six groups of articles listed in the Annex, should be given on a quarterly basis by countries not reporting retained imports in their monthly statement.

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	<u>SITC Rev.</u>	<u>ETN</u>
Cotton yarns	651.3 .4	55.05 .06
Cotton fabrics, grey	652.1 •	55.07A .08A .09A
Cotton fabrics, other than grey	652.2	55.07B .08B .09B 58.04
Household made-up articles of cotton	ex 656.9(1)	ex 62.02
Clothing	841.1 .2 .4 .5	60.02-06 61.01-11 65.03-07
Miscellaneous cotton fabrics and made-up articles (tulle, lace, embroidery, special fabrics, carpets and other floor coverings, blankets and other made-up articles n.e.s.)	ex 653.7 ex 654 ex 655 ex 656.1 • .2 • .6 .9(2) ex 657	ex 46.02 ex 58.01-03 ex 58.05-10 ex 59.01-17 ex 60.01 ex 62.01 ex 62.03-05 ex 65.01-02

Note: According to Article 9 of the Arrangement, the expression "cotton textiles" includes yarns, piece-goods, made-up articles, garments, and other textile manufactured products, in which cotton represents more than 50 per cent (by weight) of the fibre content, with the exception of hand-loom fabrics of the cottage industry. Should the data reported not comply with these specifications, detailed definitions should be supplied.

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Questionnaire No. 3

Annual Data on Production and Consumption of Cotton Textiles

1. In order to ensure the effective operation of the Arrangement, statistics on production, foreign trade and consumption of cotton textiles will be required by the Cotton Textiles Committee. Participating countries are therefore invited, in accordance with Article 5 of the Arrangement, to communicate the necessary data to the secretariat.

2. The present questionnaire covers information on consumption as well as certain data on production which might be made available by the participating countries in addition to those listed in Questionnaire No. 2. The information is to be submitted annually beginning 1962.

3. The following data should be collected:

- mill consumption¹ of raw cotton
- total consumption² of cotton yarns
 - of which:
 - in cotton weaving
 - in the knitting industry
 - in the carpet industry
- total consumption² of cotton fabrics.

4. Relevant data on production and consumption of clothing, in particular cotton clothing, may be communicated when available; in that case information on the methods of calculation and coverage should be given. It would also be useful if available information concerning changes in production capacity and plans for development of the cotton textile and garment industries were provided.

¹Ginned cotton lint as defined in the item 263.1 of the SITC Rev. (or the item 55.02 of the BTN)

²Where actual consumption data are not available, figures for apparent consumption should be reported, with an indication of the methods of calculation.