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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
JAMAICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
trade in cotton textiles (with annex and related  
note). Washington, 29 September 1967**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au commerce  
des textiles de coton (avec annexe et note connexe).  
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
JAMAICA CONCERNING TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

I

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1967

Sir :

I refer to the decision of the Cotton Textiles Committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade approving a Protocol<sup>2</sup> to extend through September 30, 1970, the Long-Term Arrangements regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles done at Geneva on February 9, 1962<sup>3</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Long-Term Arrangements"). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments and to the agreement between our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States effected by an exchange of notes dated October 1, 1963,<sup>4</sup> as amended.<sup>5</sup> I confirm, on behalf of my Government, the understanding that this agreement is replaced by a new agreement as provided in the following numbered paragraphs. This new agreement is based on our understanding that the above-mentioned Protocol will enter into force for our two Governments on October 1, 1967.

1. The term of this agreement shall be from October 1, 1966, through September 30, 1970. During the term of this agreement, the Government of Jamaica shall limit annual exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States to aggregate and specific limits at the levels specified in the following paragraphs.

2. For the first agreement year, constituting the 12-month period beginning October 1, 1966 :

(a) The aggregate limit shall be 21,416,063 square yards equivalent.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 29 September 1967 by the exchange of the said notes, with retroactive effect from 1 October 1966, in accordance with paragraph 1 thereof.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 620, p. 276.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 471, p. 296. As registered by the Executive Secretary of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, this Arrangement is identified in the United Nations *Treaty Series* by the date of its entry into force, i.e., 1 October 1962.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 488, p. 133.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 526, p. 350.

(b) Within this aggregate limit, the following specific limits shall apply :

<i>Category</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
45 . . .	20,000 dozen
46 . . .	450,000 dozen
47 . . .	22,000 dozen
48 . . .	9,261 dozen
50-51. .	182,905 dozen (of which not more than 81,034 dozen shall be in Category 50 and not more 127,334 dozen shall be in Category 51)
52 . . .	92,610 dozen
53 . . .	30,000 dozen
55 . . .	30,000 dozen
57 . . .	100,000 dozen
61 . . .	460,000 dozen

3. In the second and succeeding 12-month periods for which any limitation is in force under this agreement, the level of exports permitted under such limitation shall be increased by 5 percent of the corresponding level for the preceding 12-month period, the latter level not to include any adjustments under paragraph 4 or 5. The phrase "level of exports" in the preceding sentence refers to the aggregate and specific limits set out in paragraph 2 and to the limits set out in paragraph 8 of this agreement.

4. Within the aggregate limit, specific limits may be exceeded by not more than 5 percent.

5. (a) For any agreement year immediately following a year of shortfall (i.e., a year in which cotton textile exports from Jamaica to the United States were below the aggregate limit and any specific limit applicable to the category concerned) the Government of Jamaica may permit exports to exceed these limits by carryover in the following amounts and manner :

- (i) The carryover shall not exceed the amount of the shortfall in either the aggregate limit or any applicable specific limit and shall not exceed 5 percent of the aggregate limit applicable to the year of the shortfall;
- (ii) In the case of shortfalls in the categories subject to specific limits, the carryover shall not exceed 5 percent of the specific limit in the year of the shortfall and shall be used in the same category in which the shortfall occurred; and
- (iii) In the case of shortfalls not attributable to categories subject to specific limits, the carryover shall not be used to exceed any applicable specific

limit except in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 and shall not be used to exceed the limits in paragraph 8.

(b) The limits referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph are without any adjustments under this paragraph or paragraph 4.

(c) The carryover shall be in addition to the exports permitted by paragraph 4.

6. In the implementation of this agreement, the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yard equivalents listed in Annex A hereto shall apply. In any situation where the determination of an article to be a cotton textile is affected by whether the criterion provided for in Article 9 of the Long-Term Arrangements is used or the criterion provided for in paragraph 2 of Annex E of the Long-Term Arrangements 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.

7. Categories not given a specific limit in paragraph 2 shall be subject to the aggregate limit, and to the relevant consultation and concentration provisions of paragraph 8.

8. (a) The square yard equivalent of any shortfalls occurring in exports in the categories given specific limits may be used in any category not given a specific limit.

(b) In the event the Government of Jamaica desires to permit exports during any agreement year of more than the level of the consultation limit in any category not having a specific limit, the the Government of Jamaica shall request consultation with the government of the United States of America on this question. For the first agreement year the level of the consultation limit for each category not having a specific limit shall be 405,169 square yards equivalent. The Government of the United States of America shall enter into such consultations and, during the course thereof, shall provide the Government of Jamaica with information on the condition of the United States market in the category in question. Until agreement is reached, the Government of Jamaica shall continue to limit exports in that category for that agreement year to the consultation limit.

(c) In the event concentration of exports from Jamaica to the United States of apparel items made of a particular fabric causes or threatens to cause market disruption in the United States, the Government of the United States of America may call for consultations with the Government of Jamaica

in order to reach a mutually satisfactory solution to the problem. The Government of Jamaica shall agree to enter into such consultations, and, during the course thereof, shall limit its exports of the item in question to an annual level of 105 percent of its exports of that item during the 12-month period immediately preceding the month in which consultations are requested.

9. The Government of Jamaica shall use its best efforts to space exports from Jamaica to the United States within each category evenly throughout the agreement year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

10. The two Governments recognize that the successful implementation of this agreement depends in large part upon mutual cooperation on statistical questions. The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of Jamaica with data on monthly imports of cotton textiles from Jamaica. The Government of Jamaica shall promptly supply the Government of the United States of America with data on monthly exports of cotton textiles to the United States. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other available relevant statistical data requested by the other Government.

11. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Jamaica agree to consult on any question arising in the implementation of this agreement. 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.

12. If the Government of Jamaica considers that as a result of limitations specified in this agreement, Jamaica is being placed in an inequitable position vis-a-vis a third country, the Government of Jamaica may request consultation with the Government of the United States of America with the view to taking appropriate remedial action such as a reasonable modification of this agreement.

13. During the term of this agreement, the Government of the United States of America will not request restraint on the export of cotton textiles from Jamaica to the United States under the procedures of Article 3 of the Long-Term Arrangements. The applicability of the Long-Term Arrangements to trade in cotton textiles between Jamaica and the United States shall otherwise be unaffected by this agreement.

14. Either Government may terminate this agreement effective at the end of an agreement year by written notice to the other Government to be

given at least 90 days prior to the end of such agreement year. Either Government may at any time propose revisions in the terms of this agreement.

If these proposals are acceptable to your Government, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Jamaica shall constitute an agreement between our Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

George R. JACOBS

Enclosure :

Annex A

The Honorable Vivian Courtney Smith  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Jamaica

#### ANNEX A

<i>Category Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Conversion Factor to Syds.</i>
1	Cotton Yarn, carded, singles . . . . .	Lbs.	4.6
2	Cotton Yarn, carded, plied . . . . .	Lbs.	4.6
3	Cotton Yarn, combed, singles . . . . .	Lbs.	4.6
4	Cotton Yarn, combed, plied . . . . .	Lbs.	4.6
5	Gingham, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
6	Gingham, combed . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
7	Velveteen . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
8	Corduroy . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
9	Sheeting, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
10	Sheeting, combed . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
11	Lawns, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
12	Lawns, combed . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
13	Voile, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
14	Voile, combed . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
15	Poplin and Broadcloth, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
16	Poplin and Broadcloth, combed . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
17	Typewriter ribbon cloth . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
18	Printcloth, shirting type, 80 × 80 type, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
19	Printcloth, shirting type, other than 80 × 80 type, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
20	Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, carded . . .	Syds.	Not required
21	Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, combed . .	Syds.	Not required
22	Twill and sateen, carded . . . . .	Syds.	Not required
23	Twill and sateen, combed . . . . .	Syds.	Not required

<i>Category Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Conversion Factor to Syds.</i>
24	Woven fabrics, n.e.s., yarn dyed, carded .	Syds.	Not required
25	Woven fabrics, n.e.s., yarn dyed, combed	Syds.	Not required
26	Woven fabrics, n.e.s., other, carded . . .	Syds.	Not required
27	Woven fabrics, n.e.s., other, combed . . .	Syds.	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
36	Bedspreads and quilts . . . . .	Numbers	6.9
37	Braided and woven elastic . . . . .	Lbs.	4.6
38	Fishing nets and fish netting . . . . .	Lbs.	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 sweat- shirts. . . . .	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, $\frac{3}{4}$ 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

<i>Category Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Conversion Factor to Syds.</i>
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	Pajamas and other nightwear . . . . .	Dozen	51.96
61	Brassieres and other body supporting garments . . . . .	Dozen	4.75
62	Wearing apparel, knit, n.e.s. . . . .	Lbs.	4.6
63	Wearing apparel, not knit, n.e.s. . . . .	Lbs.	4.6
64	All other cotton textiles . . . . .	Lbs.	4.6

## II

EMBASSY OF JAMAICA  
WASHINGTON

29th September, 1967

Excellency :

I have the honour to refer to your note of September 29, 1967, concerning exports of cotton textiles from Jamaica 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 Jamaica to the United States effected by exchange of notes dated October 1, 1963, as amended, is replaced as of October 1, 1966, by the proposals set forth in your note of September 29, 1967.

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

V. C. SMITH

[SEAL]

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Honourable Dean Rusk  
Secretary of State of the United States of America  
Washington, D. C.



## RELATED NOTE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1967

Sir :

I refer to notes exchanged today constituting an agreement between our two Governments concerning exports of cotton textile from Jamaica to the United States during the four year period from October 1, 1966, through September 30, 1970, inclusive, and to the decision of the Cotton Textiles Committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade referred to therein.

Any provisions of the Agreement between our two Governments to the contrary notwithstanding, exports of 2,000,000 pounds of cotton yarn in Category 1 from Jamaica to the United States during the agreement year beginning October 1, 1966, only will not be charged against limitations in the agreement applicable to that agreement year.

Furthermore, the Government of the United States of America will consider any request made by the Government of Jamaica for permission to allow specified quantities of cotton yarn in Category 1 to be exported from Jamaica to the United States during agreement years beginning in 1967 and thereafter without being charged against the limitations of the agreement. The United States Government will inform the Government of Jamaica of the result of such consideration by the beginning of the agreement year for which the request has been made or within 30 days after the date of the request, whichever is later.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

George R. JACOBS

The Honorable Vivian Courtney Smith  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Jamaica