

Base upon export data available for the first few months of 1968, Japanese textile exports may be expected to increase slightly from its 1967 level. In this connection, it should be remembered that United States production of textiles is expected to increase by 447 million pounds this year over last, according to the *Textile World's* projection.

JAPANESE EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

[In millions of dollars]

Category	1966	1967
Cotton fabrics.....	39,952	36,213
Raw silk.....	7,670	1,814
Spun silk yarns.....	958	518
Silk fabrics.....	13,062	9,625
Rayon yarns.....	116	52
Rayon fabrics.....	11,613	15,336
Rayon staple.....	1,095	531
Spun rayon yarns.....	933	630
Spun rayon fabrics.....	6,318	3,360
Synthetic staple.....	16,372	8,380
Synthetic yarns.....	2,311	1,944
Synthetic fabrics.....	30,302	24,151
Wool materials.....	1,062	459
Wool yarns.....	10,892	8,924
Wool fabrics.....	58,097	65,030
Wool specialty fabrics.....	536	533
Linen textiles.....	2,636	1,530
Madeup goods ¹	211,012	192,556
Textile wastes.....	3,922	2,026
Total.....	419,959	373,612

¹Madeup goods include knitted goods; towels, blankets and bedspreads; scarves and handkerchiefs; household goods; wearing apparel; fishing nets and twine; floor coverings; hat and hat bodies; and miscellaneous goods.

Although cotton textiles are under strict export quotas, cotton fabric exports for the January–April 1968 period were 36,277 thousand square yards as against 36,263 thousand square yards for this same four-month period last year. In 1967, Japan was able to fill only 79% of its cloth quota, so even with this slight increase it can be anticipated that the total for the year will still be considerably under the agreed upon restraint level.

For manmade fiber textiles, different computations were provided us. For the first three months of 1968, Japanese exports of manmade fiber and silk textiles totaled \$13.240 million. Projected at this rate for the full year, the amount would be \$52.960 million, as compared to \$64.527 million for 1967.

As for made-up goods, 1968 exports for the January–March period were valued at \$39.644 thousand, compared to 1967 exports for the same period of \$39.282 thousand. This includes all fibers.

Bilateral agreement experience

More than half of Japan's textile exports to the United States are restricted under its current bilateral cotton textile agreement with this country.

Previously, Japanese cotton textile exports to this country have been subject to, first, "voluntary" export quotas for 1956 when they covered only a few items; then, "voluntary" export quotas on all cotton textiles from 1957 to 1961; and, lastly, negotiated quotas under authority of the LTA from 1962 to the present. Japan negotiated bilateral agreements with the United States as provided in the LTA.

JAPANESE QUOTA PERCENTAGES PERFORMANCE

[In percent]

Year	Fabrics	Made-up goods	Year	Fabrics	Made-up goods
1957.....	75.4	101.6	1963.....	88.2	92.0
1958.....	92.1	101.6	1964.....	92.2	94.7
1959.....	90.8	95.8	1965.....	100.4	98.7
1960.....	80.8	90.9	1966.....	98.9	97.6
1961.....	87.6	79.7	1967.....	79.0	81.8
1962.....	97.2	100.0			