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Convention relative au régime douanier des soies et soieries, avec Annexes et Protocole de signature, signés à Paris, le 28 juillet 1923, et Echanges de notes y relatifs; Paris, le 28 juillet 1923 et Rome, les 29 décembre 1923 et 10 janvier 1924.

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Agreement relating to the Customs Regime Applicable to Silk Goods and Silk Manufactures, with Annexes and Protocol of Signature, signed at Paris, July 28, 1923, and Exchanges of Notes relating thereto; Paris, July 28, 1923, and Rome, December 29, 1923, and January 10, 1924.

<sup>1</sup> TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.No. 1076. — AGREEMENT<sup>2</sup> BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY RELATING TO THE CUSTOMS REGIME APPLICABLE TO SILK GOODS AND SILK MANUFACTURES, SIGNED AT PARIS, JULY 28, 1923.

*French official text communicated by the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic and the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy. The registration of this Agreement took place February 6, 1926.*

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC and THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY, having resolved in Article 4 of the Commercial Agreement concluded on November 13, 1922, to fix the customs régime to be applied to silk goods, silk manufactures and all products made of silk or artificial silk to the mutual advantage of the two countries, have agreed upon the following provisions :

*Article 1.*

Products of silk, silk threads and tissues and all products made of silk or artificial silk enumerated in the list annexed to the present Agreement shall enjoy in France and Italy the benefit of the general provisions of the *modus vivendi*<sup>3</sup> of 1898 and of the Agreement of November 13, 1922.

Accordingly the said products shall, on importation into the territories of either High Contracting Party, be admitted at the lowest rates which the Contracting Party in question applies or may hereafter apply in virtue of tariff regulations or of conventions, to the products of any foreign country, both as regards customs duties and coefficients of increase and as regards all taxes and charges of any kind which may be levied on the said products.

*Article 2.*

Without prejudice to the advantages enjoyed under Article 1, products mentioned in Schedule A annexed to the present Agreement, originating in and coming from Italy, shall be subject on importation into France to the duties and coefficients of increase specified in the said schedule in conformity with the descriptions of goods set forth therein.

<sup>1</sup> Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

<sup>1</sup> Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

<sup>2</sup> The instruments of ratification were exchanged at Paris, May 22, 1924.

<sup>3</sup> British and Foreign State Papers, Vol. 101, page 317.

*Article 3.*

Without prejudice to the advantages enjoyed under Article 1, the products mentioned in Schedule B annexed to the present Agreement, originating in and coming from France, shall be subject on importation into Italy to the duties specified in the said schedule in conformity with the nomenclature set forth therein.

*Article 4.*

The duties and coefficients of increase shown in Schedule A as applicable to products originating in and coming from Italy (with the exception of worked or milled silk goods) shall be maintained unless the price of the said goods shall have risen or fallen at least 20% on the French market, in which case the said duties and coefficients of increase shall be increased or diminished in proportion to the rise or fall in prices by means of an adjustment in the coefficients, provided, however, that no change is made in the relation existing at the time of the signature of the present Agreement between the duties and coefficients fixed in Schedule A and in Schedule B.

In determining this relation, account shall be taken of the fact that the duties given in Schedule B are payable in gold and are therefore subject to a variable multiplier under the rules at present in force in Italy.

The duties imposed by France on milled and worked silk goods shall be subject to adjustment, but such adjustment shall be made not in accordance with the price of the goods but in accordance with the cost of working the goods, and shall only be effected if the rise or fall of the said cost is 33% or more.

*Article 5.*

In the event of one of the High Contracting Parties lowering the duties or coefficients which are applicable to products referred to in the present Agreement, either by means of tariff regulations or in virtue of conventions concluded with any third country, the other High Contracting Party shall not be obliged to make proportional reductions in its own customs tariff in order to maintain the relations established in the previous article.

*Article 6.*

The two High Contracting Parties undertake to pursue active negotiations with a view to establishing a further nomenclature and tariff to apply to silk products not included in Schedules A and B.

These negotiations must be concluded within a period of three months reckoned from the date of signature of the present Agreement, and any conventions which result therefrom shall be submitted at the same time as the present Agreement to the Parliaments of the High Contracting Parties as provided in Article 9.

*Article 7.*

The products referred to in the present Agreement shall, if accompanied by a certificate of origin issued by the producers' syndicates of one of the High Contracting Parties

officially authorised to this effect, be admitted to the territory of the other Contracting Party without being subjected to expert customs examination unless there is reason to suspect fraud or substitution.

*Article 8.*

The present Agreement may not be denounced until the expiration of the first year, nor shall it be denounced subsequently without three months' notice.

Nevertheless, each of the High Contracting Parties may terminate its effects at the same time as those of the Agreements of November 21, 1898. and November 13, 1922.

*Article 9.*

The present Agreement shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties after approval by the Parliaments of the two countries, to which it shall be submitted as soon as they reassemble.

The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Paris and the provisions of the present Convention shall come into force eight days after this exchange.

In faith whereof the undersigned, duly authorised to this effect, have signed the present Convention and have thereto affixed their seals.

Done at Paris in duplicate, July 28, 1923.

(Signed) POINCARÉ.

(Signed) LUCIEN DIOR.

(Signed) ROMANO AVEZZANA.

## SCHEDULE A.

Description of Goods	Duty	Co-efficient
<i>Silk wares.</i>		
	Frs. Cts. Per kg.	
(a) Raw silk . . . . .	Free	
(b) Woofs with two or more ends . . . . .	1.—	2
(c) Thrown silk with two or more ends, with nap . . . . .	1.50	2
(d) Special finishing <sup>1</sup> (apprêts) . . . . .	2.40	2
380. — Thread of silk for sewing, embroidery, trimming, for merceries, etc.	3.—	2
<i>Threads of floss silk (schappe).</i>		
Pure :		
Non-manufactured (i. e. in skeins on tubes for reels and cylinders, in warp, but not prepared for retail selling) :		
(a) Bleached, unbleached or blued, in floss, including threads of variegated floss silk <sup>2</sup> .		
(1) Single, measuring per kg :	Per 100 kg.	
(a) Up to 80,500 m. . . . .	112.50	2
(b) More than 80,500 m. . . . .	180.—	2
(2) Twisted (measuring per kg. in single thread) :		
(a) Up to 80,500 m. . . . .	127.50	2
(b) More than 80,500 m. . . . .	210.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached in threads, or dyed in threads : Additional duty	75.—	2
<i>Threads of floss silk waste.</i>		
Pure :		
(a) Bleached, unbleached or blued in floss :		
(1) Single, measuring per kg. :	Per 100 kg.	
(a) Up to 30,500 m. . . . .	37.50	2
(b) More than 30,500 m. . . . .	60.—	2
(2) Twisted, measuring per kg. in single thread :		
(a) Up to 30,500 m. . . . .	45.—	2
(b) More than 30,500 m. . . . .	67.50	2
(a) Scoured, bleached in threads or dyed in threads : Additional duty	45.—	2

<sup>1</sup> By special finishings are meant all silk wares with two or more ends that have received a torsion of 1,000 or more turns per metre.

Under (b), (c), and (d) are included, according to the degree of torsion, all worked silks in skeins measuring more than 40,000 metres per kg. of twisted threads.

Worked silks measuring up to 40,000 metres per kg. of twisted threads are included under silks for sewing and embroidery (No. 380 in the French tariff).

<sup>2</sup> This category includes threads only tinted to show the degree torsion.

Description of Goods	Duty	Co-efficient
<i>Tissues of pure silk or pure floss silk (schappe), and tissues mixed with these two materials or other textiles, the silk or floss silk predominating in weight.</i>	Frs. Cts. Per kg.	
I. Crepes :		
A. Weighing 50 gr. or less per square metre :	Per kg.	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.25	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.—	2
(c) Figured, i. e. with designs, patterns and armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads: Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
B. Weighing more than 50 gr. per square metre :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25	2
(c) Figured (see description above); Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
II. Tulle, plain and figured :		
A. Weighing less than 10 grammes per sq. m.		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	13.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	14.25	2
(c) Dyed with finishing . . . . .	15.—	2
(d) Ornamented, i. e. provided with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery . . . . .	15.75	2
B. Weighing 10 grammes or more per sq. m.:		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	8.25	2
(c) Dyed with finishing . . . . .	9.—	2
(d) Ornamented (see description above) . . . . .	9.75	2
III. Velvet and plush :		
A. Weighing less than 120 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	14.25	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	15.—	2
(c) Figured (same description as for crepe): Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50	2
B. Weighing 120 grammes or more per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	11.25	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	12.—	2
(c) Figured (same description as for crepe): Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50	2
IV. Muslins, grenadines, veils and the like, gauze and bunting :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	10.50	2
(c) Figured or broché with gauze point, open-work, insertions, open-work stripes, etc., even with plain parts: Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
V. Plain gauze, special for bolting mills :		
(a) Not made up . . . . .	18.—	2
(b) Made up . . . . .	15.—	2
VI. Close-woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in paragraphs I, II, III, IV and V :		
A. Weighing less than 60 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25	2
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe): Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2

Description of Goods	Duty	Co-efficient
	Frs. Cts.	
B. Weighing 60 grammes or more per sq. m. :	Per kg.	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.75	2
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
VII. Ribbons :		
A. Velvet :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	18.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	18.75	2
(c) Figured, i. e. with designs and patterns obtained by any process, letters, armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads, pinning and buckle effects and other similar effects : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.75	2
B. Other :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	12.75	2
(c) Figured, i. e. with designs, patterns, armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads, all provided with gauze point, open-work, insertions, open-work stripes, etc. even with plain parts : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—	2
<i>Tissues of floss silk waste, pure or mixed with other textile materials, but floss silk waste predominating in weight :</i>		
A. Stuffs weighing 250 grammes or less per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	3.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached, or dyed . . . . .	4.50	2
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	0.75	2
B. Stuffs weighing more than 250 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	3.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	3.75	2
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	0.75	2
<i>Tissues and trimmings with gold, silver or any other metal mixed with textiles <sup>1</sup>.</i>		
I. Silk or floss silk (schappe) predominating in weight :		
A. Trimmings :		
(1) Fine :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	18.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	19.50	2
(2) Half-fine or imitation :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.75	2

<sup>1</sup> The description "fine" applies either to silver threads or to the same threads covered with gold. These threads take the form of wire (round threads), foil (flat threads) or "filé" (foil rolled round a core of silk, floss silk, cotton or other textiles).

"Half-fine" applies particularly to wire, foil or filé of silvered or silvered and gilded copper.

"Imitation" applies to wire, foil or filé of yellow-coloured copper (imitation gold), or silvered copper (imitation silver). The textile threads which constitute the core of the wire or filé are treated as metal in determining the predominating metal.

Description of Goods	Duty		Co-efficient
	Frs.	Cts.	
B. Other tissues :			
(1) Fine :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	18.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	19.50		2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50		2
(2) Half-fine or imitation :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.75		2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.25		2
II. Artificial silk predominating in weight :			
A. Trimmings :			
(1) Fine :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	15.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	16.50		2
(2) Half-fine or imitation :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25		2
B. Other tissues :			
(1) Fine :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	15.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	16.50		2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50		2
(2) Half-fine or imitation :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25		2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.25		2
III. Wool, cotton or other textiles predominating in weight :			
A. Trimmings :			
(1) Fine :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.75		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	13.50		2
(2) Half-fine or imitation :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.75		2
B. Other tissues :			
(1) Fine :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.75		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	13.50		2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—		2
(2) Half-fine or imitation :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.75		2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.25		2
IV. Metal predominating in weight :			
A. Trimmings :			
(1) Fine :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	15.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	16.50		2



Description of Goods	Duty	Co-efficient
	Frs. Cts.	
(2) Half-fine or imitation :	Per kg.	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25	2
B. Other tissues :		
(1) Fine :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	15.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	16.50	2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissues) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50	2
(2) Half-fine or imitation :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25	2
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.25	2
<i>Tissues of artificial silk, pure or mixed with silk, floss silk or other textiles, artificial silk predominating in weight.</i>		
I. Crêpe :		
A. Weighing 75 grammes or less per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.50	2
(c) Figured, i. e. with designs, patterns and armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
B. Weighing more than 75 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.35	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.10	2
(c) Figured (see description above) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
II. Tulle, plain and figured :		
A. Weighing less than 20 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	10.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	11.25	2
(c) Dyed, with finishing . . . . .	12.—	2
(d) Ornamented, i. e., with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery . . . . .	12.75	2
B. Weighing 20 grammes or more per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	6.75	2
(c) Dyed, with finishing . . . . .	7.50	2
(d) Ornamented (see description above) . . . . .	8.25	2
III. Velvet and plush :		
A. Weighing less than 240 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	13.50	2
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50	2
B. Weighing 240 gr. or more per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	10.50	2
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50	2

Description of Goods	Duty	Co-efficient
IV. Muslins, grenadines, veils and the like, gauzes and bunting :	Frs. Cts. Per kg.	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25	2
(c) Figured or broché with gauze point, open-work, insertions, open-work stripes etc., even with plain parts : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
V. Close-woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in I, II, III, IV :		
A. Weighing less than 90 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.75	2
(c) Figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
B. Weighing 90 grammes or more per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.85	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.60	2
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet ribbons of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
VI. Ribbons :		
A. Velvet :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	16.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	17.25	2
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet ribbons of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—	2
B. Other :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	10.50	2
(c) Figured (same description as for other ribbons of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—	2
<i>Tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe), and artificial silk mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.</i>		
I. Velvet, plush and sealskin plush of silk or floss silk and cotton :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	10.50	2
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	4.50	2
II. Velvet and plush of artificial silk and cotton :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.—	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.75	2
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.75	2
III. Stuffs of silk or floss silk and cotton :		
(1) Crêpe :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.75	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.50	2
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2
(2) Muslins, veils and the like, gauze and bunting :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50	2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25	2
(c) Figured (same description as for muslins, etc., of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	2

Description of Goods	Duty		Co-efficient
	Frs.	Cts.	
IV. Stuffs of artificial silk and cotton :	Per kg.		
(1) Crêpe :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.75		2
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50		2
(2) Muslins, veils and the like, gauze and bunting :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.75		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.50		2
(c) Figured (same description as for muslins, etc., of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50		2
(3) Ribbons of silk or floss silk and cotton :			
A. Velvet :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	13.50		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	14.25		2
(c) Figured (Same description as for velvet ribbons of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—		2
B. Other :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.25		2
(c) Figured (same description as for other ribbons of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.25		2
(4) Ribbons of artificial silk and cotton :			
A. Velvet :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.75		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	13.50		2
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet ribbons of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.65		2
B. Other :			
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.75		2
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.50		2
(c) Figured (same description as for other ribbons of pure silk) : Additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.90		2
<i>Printed tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe), floss silk waste and artificial silk, pure or mixed.</i> . . . . .	Duty on dyed tissues of this kind increased by 0.225 per sq. m.		2

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

(1) Goffered or stamped tissues shall be treated on the same footing as figured tissues.

(2) Tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe), floss silk waste and artificial silk of the categories specified in the above schedule mixed with textiles (other than cotton), these textiles predominating in weight, shall be treated on the same footing as tissues of silk, floss silk or artificial silk of the same categories mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.

(3) Insert in the items of the French tariff referring to cotton tissues mixed with other textile materials a note to the effect that all tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe) or artificial silk mixed with cotton, even if also mixed with metal, the cotton predominating in weight, and which belong to the categories specified in the above schedule, shall be subject to the tariff rates fixed in that schedule, whatever may be the proportion of silk, floss silk or artificial silk entering into the composition of the said tissues.

(Signed) ROMANO AVEZZANA.

(Signed) POINCARÉ.

(Signed) LUCIEN DIOR.

## SCHEDULE B.

Description of Goods	Italian tariff Gold Lire
Per kgs.	
<i>Silk wares.</i>	
(a) Raw silk . . . . .	Free
(b) Woofs with two or more ends . . . . .	Free
(c) Thrown silk with two or more ends, with nap . . . . .	Free
(d) Special finishings <sup>1</sup> (apprêts) . . . . .	Free
<i>Threads of floss silk (schappe).</i>	
Pure :	
Non-manufactured (i. e., in skeins on tubes for reels and cylinders, in warp, but not prepared for retail selling) :	
(a) Bleached, unbleached or blued, in floss, including threads of variegated floss silk <sup>2</sup>	Per 100 kilo.
(1) Single, measuring per kg. :	
(a) Up to 80,500 m. . . . .	35.—
(b) More than 80,500 m. . . . .	70.—
(2) Twisted (measuring per kg. in single thread) :	
(a) Up to 80,500 m. . . . .	45.—
(b) More than 80,500 m. . . . .	80.—
(b) Scoured, bleached in threads, or dyed in threads : additional duty . . . . .	50.—
<i>Threads of floss silk waste.</i>	
Pure :	
(a) Bleached, unbleached or blued in floss :	
(1) Single, measuring per kg. :	
(a) Up to 30,500 m. . . . .	15.—
(b) More than 30,500 m. . . . .	30.—
(2) Twisted, measuring per kg. in single thread :	
(a) Up to 30,500 m. . . . .	20.—
(b) More than 30,500 m. . . . .	35.—
(b) Scoured, bleached in threads or dyed in threads : additional duty . . . . .	30.—
<i>Tissues of pure silk or pure floss silk, and tissues mixed with these two materials or other textiles, the silk or floss silk predominating in weight.</i>	
I. Crêpe :	
A. Weighing 50 gr. or less per square metre :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	10.—
(c) Figured, i. e., with designs, patterns and armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
B. Weighing more than 50 gr. per square metre :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50
(c) Figured (see description above) additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
Per kilo	

<sup>1</sup> By special finishings are meant all silk wares with two or more ends that have received a torsion of 1,000 or more turns per metre.

<sup>2</sup> This category includes threads only tinted to show the degree of the torsion.

Description of Goods	Italian tariff	
	Gold Lire	
	Per kgs.	
II. Tulle, plain and figured :		
A. Weighing less than 10 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	11.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	11.50	
(c) Dyed with finishing . . . . .	12.—	
(d) Ornamented, i. e., provided with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery . . . . .	12.50	
B. Weighing 10 grammes or more per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	7.50	
(c) Dyed with finishing . . . . .	8.—	
(d) Ornamented (see description above) . . . . .	8.50	
III. Velvet and plush :		
A. Weighing less than 120 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.50	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	13.—	
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) : additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—	
B. Weighing 120 grammes or more per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	10.50	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	11.—	
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) : additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—	
IV. Muslins, grenadines, veils and the like, gauze and bunting :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.50	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.—	
(c) Figured or broché with gauze point, open-work, insertions, open-work stripes, etc., even with plain parts : additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—	
V. Plain gauze, special for bolting mills :		
(a) not made up . . . . .	12.—	
(b) made up . . . . .	10.—	
VI. Close woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in paragraphs I, II, III, IV and V. :		
A. Weighing less than 60 grammes per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50	
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—	
B. Weighing 60 grammes or more per sq. m. :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50	
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—	
VII. Ribbons :		
A. Velvet :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	12.50	
(c) Figured, i. e. with designs and patterns obtained by any process, letters, armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads, pinning and buckle effects and other similar effects ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.50	

Description of Goods	Italian tariff	
	Gold Lire	
	Per kgs.	
<b>B. Other :</b>		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.50	
(c) Figured, i.e., with designs, patterns, armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads, all provided with gauze point, open-work, insertions, open-work stripes, etc., even with plain parts; additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.—	
<i>Tissues of floss silk waste, pure or mixed with other textile materials, but floss silk predominating in weight :</i>		
<b>A. Stuffs weighing 250 grammes or less per sq. m. :</b>		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	3.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	3.50	
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) : additional duty for each category.	0.50	
<b>B. Stuffs weighing more than 250 grammes per sq. m. :</b>		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	2.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	2.50	
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe) ; additional duty for each category.	0.50	
<i>Tissues and trimmings with gold, silver or any other metal mixed with textiles<sup>1</sup>.</i>		
<b>I. Silk or floss silk (schappe) predominating in weight :</b>		
<b>A. Trimmings :</b>		
(1) Fine :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	13.—	
(2) Half-fine or imitation :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.50	
<b>B. Other tissues :</b>		
(1) Fine :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	12.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	13.—	
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—	
(2) Half-fine or imitation :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.50	
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50	
<b>II. Artificial silk predominating in weight :</b>		
<b>A. Trimmings :</b>		
(1) Fine :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	10.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	11.—	

<sup>1</sup> The description "fine" applies either to silver threads or to the same threads covered with gold. These threads take the form of wire (round threads), foil (flat threads) or "filé" (foil rolled round a core of silk floss, silk cotton or other textiles).

"Half-fine" applies particularly to wire, foil or filé of silvered or silvered and gilded copper.

"Imitation" applies to wire, foil or filé of yellow-coloured copper (imitation gold), or silvered copper (imitation silver). The textile threads which constitute the core of the wire or filé are treated as metal in determining the predominating metal.

Description of Goods	Italian tariff Gold Lire
	Per kgs.
(2) Half-fine or imitation :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50
B. Other tissues :	
(1) Fine :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	10.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	11.—
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue); additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—
(2) Half-fine or imitation :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue); additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50
III. Wool, cotton or other textiles predominating in weight :	
A. Trimmings :	
(1) Fine :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.—
(2) Half-fine or imitation :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	4.50
B. Other tissues :	
(1) Fine :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.—
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue); additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.—
(2) Half-fine or imitation :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	4.50
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue); additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50
IV. Metal predominating in weight :	
A. Trimmings :	
(1) Fine :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	10.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	11.—
(2) Half-fine or imitation :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50
B. Other tissues :	
(1) Fine :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	10.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	11.—
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue); additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—
(2) Half-fine or imitation :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50
(c) Figured (see description above according to the category of the tissue); additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.50

Description of Goods	Italian tariff Gold Lire
<i>Tissues of artificial silk pure or mixed with silk, floss silk or other textiles, artificial silk predominating in weight.</i>	Per kgs.
I. Crêpe :	
A. Weighing 75 grammes or less per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	7.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.—
(c) Figured, i. e., with designs, patterns and armure effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 threads ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
B. Weighing more than 75 grammes per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.25
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	4.75
(c) Figured (see description above) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
II. Tulle plain and figured :	
A. Weighing less than 20 grammes per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	9.—
(c) Dyed with finishing . . . . .	9.50
(d) Ornamented, i. e., with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery . . . . .	10.—
B. Weighing 20 grammes or more per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing . . . . .	6.—
(c) Dyed with finishing . . . . .	6.50
(d) Ornamented (see description above) . . . . .	7.—
III. Velvet and plush :	
A. Weighing less than 240 grammes per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	11.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	12.—
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—
B. Weighing 240 gr. or more per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	10.—
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—
IV. Muslins, grenadines, veils and the like, gauzes and bunting :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50
(c) Figured or broché with gauze point, openwork, insertions, openwork, stripes etc., even with plain parts : additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
V. Close-woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in I, II, III, IV :	
A. Weighing less than 90 grammes per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	4.50
(c) Figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) : additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
B. Weighing 90 grammes or more per sq. m. :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	4.50
(c) Figured, (same description as for velvet ribbons or pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—



Description of Goods	Italian tariff
	Gold Lire
	Per kgs.
VI. Ribbons :	
A. Velvet :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	11.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	11.50
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet ribbons of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.—
B. Other :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.—
(c) Figured (same description as for other ribbons of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.—
<i>Tissues of silk, floss silk, (schappe) and artificial silk mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.</i>	
I. Velvet, plush and sealskin plush of silk or floss silk and cotton :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.—
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	3.—
II. Velvet and plush of artificial silk and cotton :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	8.50
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.50
III. Stuffs of silk and cotton :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	7.—
(c) Figured (same description as for crêpe of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
IV. Muslins, veils and the like, gauze and bunting :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50
(c) Figured (same description as for muslins, etc., of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
V. Stuffs of artificial silk and cotton :	
(1) Crêpe :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	6.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.50
(c) Figured (Same description as for crêpe of pure silk) : additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
(2) Muslins, veils and the like, gauze and bunting :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.50
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.—
(c) Figured (same description as for muslins, etc., of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	1.—
(3) Ribbons of silk or floss silk and cotton :	
A. Velvet :	
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	9.—
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.50
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet ribbons of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	2.—

Description of Goods	Italian tariff	
	Gold Lire	Per kgs.
B. Other :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	5.—	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.50	
(c) Figured (same description as for other ribbons of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .		1.50
VI. Ribbons of artificial silk and cotton :		
A. Velvet :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	8.50	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	9.—	
(c) Figured (same description as for velvet ribbons of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .		1.75
B. Other :		
(a) Unbleached . . . . .	4.50	
(b) Scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.—	
(c) Figured (same description as for other ribbons of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .		1.25
<i>Printed tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe), floss silk waste and artificial silk, pure or mixed :</i>		
Duty on dyed tissues of this kind increased by . . . . .		0.15 per sq. m.

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

- (1) Goffered or stamped tissues shall be treated on the same footing as figured tissues.
- (2) Tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe), floss silk waste and artificial silk of the categories specified in the above schedule mixed with textiles (other than cotton), these textiles predominating in weight, shall be treated on the same footing as tissues of silk, floss silk or artificial silk of the same categories mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.
- (3) All tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe) or artificial silk mixed with cotton, even if also mixed with metal, the cotton predominating in weight, and which belong to the categories specified in the above schedule shall be subject to the tariff rates fixed in that schedule, whatever may be the proportion of silk, floss silk or artificial silk entering into the composition of the said tissues.

(Signed) POINCARÉ.

(Signed) LUCIEN DIOR.

(Signed) ROMANO AVEZZANA.

PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE.

When proceeding to the signature of the Agreement of to-day's date between France and Italy establishing the new Customs régime applicable to silk goods and silk manufactures, the two High Contracting Parties, being desirous of having fixed rules for the application of certain clauses of the Agreement, have agreed to the following :

When applying the last paragraph of Article 4, the price of working the goods (*lavoranzia*) which is to be taken as basis for any changes which may be made in the co-efficient relating to worked or milled silk goods shall be that of working thrown silk produced with 10-12 raw silk and 80-100 winders ; the High Contracting Parties agree to regard this price as being at present 21 francs per kilogramme for the finished article. This price shall be taken as the basis for calculating the changes which may occur in the price of working milled or worked silks, in accordance with which the co-efficient of the French tariff is to be modified.

Done at Paris in duplicate July 28, 1923.

(Signed) POINCARÉ.

(Signed) LUCIEN DIOR.

(Signed) ROMANO AVEZZANA.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES.<sup>1</sup>

ITALIAN EMBASSY.

I.

PARIS, *July 28, 1923.*

SIR,

The signature of the Agreement with regard to silk wares which has been satisfactorily concluded on to-day's date has been effected subject to the exclusion, by mutual consent, of certain categories of threads and tissues in which silk is mixed with other textiles.

These exceptions are due to the fact that Italy has considered it equitable to grant a further period in order to enable France to undertake an additional enquiry into the French woollen and cotton industries and to ascertain more exactly certain conditions of their production or sale. The result of such enquiry cannot, however, affect the agreement on the general issues which was concluded between the representatives of the silk industries at Rome. It is important that an agreement with regard to these special categories of reserved products should be diligently pursued by the two Governments, since in the absence of such agreement the present Agreement would no longer represent for Italy the balance of advantages and concessions which she is entitled to expect.

While in the case of certain silk products, such as trimmings, hosiery or lace, the agreements to be concluded in virtue of Article 6 of the Agreement may be regarded as in some sort supplementary, although they must also conform to the general principles of the said Agreement, we consider that in the case of mixed threads and mixed tissues the agreement which we hope has only been postponed for a few days must unquestionably be incorporated in the lists of the Agreement signed this day.

It is only in the anticipation that such an agreement will be concluded that the additional period has been accepted, and, in the unlikely event of such agreement not being reached, Italy wishes to state that she will not consider herself bound by the stipulation of Article 9 under which she undertakes to submit the Agreement signed this day for the approval of Parliament as soon as the latter reassembles.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) AVEZZANA.

<sup>1</sup> The notes of 28 July 1923 figure only on the text communicated by the President of the Council, Minister for foreign Affairs of the French Republic.

## II.

M. RAYMOND POINCARÉ, PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO HIS EXCELLENCY M. AVEZZANA, AMBASSADOR OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY.

*July 28, 1923.*

In acknowledging receipt of Your Excellency's letter of to-day's date, in which Italy reserves the right not to ratify the Agreement of to-day's date relating to the Customs régime applicable to silk goods and silk manufactures if the postponed agreement on mixed threads and tissues is not concluded in time for inclusion therein, I beg to inform Your Excellency of my entire concurrence in this view, and I willingly recognise that a settlement accepted by both countries, in regard to the reserved categories of silk threads and tissues is essential if Italy is to derive full benefit from an Agreement which must be the outcome of a fair interchange of advantages and concessions.

If, notwithstanding the probability of such an agreement being reached — a circumstance which has made a postponement possible — this question is not settled to Italy's satisfaction, the Italian Government would undoubtedly be entitled to refrain from submitting to its Parliament for approval an Agreement which in the circumstances it would regard as incomplete. But in such case it is desirable that Italy should make known her decision not later than one month after the date on which the exchange of views on the question of mixed threads and tissues may be regarded as having terminated, and in any case before the reassembly of the French Parliament.

(Signed) POINCARÉ.

## III.

*ROME, December 29, 1923.*

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Article 6 of the Agreement relating to the Customs régime applicable to silk goods and silk manufactures signed at Paris on July 28, 1923, stipulated that additional negotiations should be undertaken with a view to completing the said Agreement.

These negotiations have taken place as regards threads and tissues in which silk is mixed with other textile materials and an agreement has been reached with regard to the nomenclature and Customs tariffs as set forth in Annexes I and II to the present letter.

I now have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government gives its approval to the Italian nomenclature and tariffs laid down in Annex 2 and that it awaits a corresponding declaration on the part of the French Government with regard to Annex 1 relating to the French nomenclature and tariffs.

It is understood that the two Annexes attached form an integral part of the Agreement of July 28 last and that they shall be inserted therein.

It is also understood that both the above-mentioned Agreement and the two attached Annexes shall be put into force in Italy and in France on the same date as soon as the formalities required by the legislation of the two States have been complied with on either side.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) MUSSOLINI.

## IV.

ROME, December 29, 1923.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In your letter of to-day's date you were good enough to inform me, with reference to the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement signed at Paris on July 28 last relating to the Customs régime applicable to silk goods and silk manufactures, that the Italian Government gives its approval to the Italian nomenclature and tariffs which were fixed in the course of subsequent negotiations and are shown in Annex 2 to the present letter, in connection with silk threads and tissues in which silk is mixed with other textile materials.

In taking note of this adhesion, I have the honour to inform you that the French Government also approves the French nomenclature and tariffs as shown in Annex 1 of the present letter.

It is understood that the two Annexes shall form an integral part of the Agreement of July 28, last and that they shall be inserted therein.

It is also understood that both the above-mentioned Agreement and the two attached Annexes shall be put into force in Italy and in France on the same date, as soon as the formalities required by the legislation of the two States have been complied with on either side.

I have the honour to be, etc...

(Signed) BARRÈRE.

## ANNEX A.

To be inserted in Schedule A (French tariff).

	Duty	Co-efficien
	Frs. Cts.	
In the category : Threads of floss silk (schappe), pure — after litt. (b) :		
Mixed :		
(a) of artificial silk or similar materials including threads with artificial lustre or threads of imitation viscose . . . . .		Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(b) of natural silk in any proportion . . . . .		Tariff of floss silk threads.
(c) of metal . . . . .		Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(d) other, floss silk predominating in weight. . . . .		Tariff of artificial silk threads.
In the category : Threads of floss silk waste — after litt. (b) :		
Mixed :		
(a) of artificial silk or similar materials including threads with artificial lustre or threads of imitation viscose . . . . .		Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(b) of natural silk in any proportion . . . . .		Tariff of threads of floss silk waste.
(c) of metal . . . . .		Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(d) other, floss silk waste predominating in weight. . . . .		Tariff of threads of floss silk waste.

	Duty	Co-efficient
Gold or silver files, purls, spangles, cut-out figures :	Frs. Cts. Per kilogramme	
(a) fine . . . . .	20.—	2
(b) half-fine or imitation . . . . .	10.—	2
In the category : Tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe) and artificial silk mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight — after III No. (2) :		
(3) close-woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 :		
A. Containing not less than 3% and not more than 12% of silk or floss silk (Note 1) :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .	3.—	2
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	3.75	2
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	0.40	2
B. Containing over 12% and up to 50% inclusive of silk or floss silk :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .	4.30	2
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.25	2
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	0.75	2
In category IV : Stuffs of artificial silk and cotton, after No. (2) :		
(3) close-woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in (1) and (2) :		
A. Containing at least 5% and not more than 20% of artificial silk (Note 2) :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .	2.25	2
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	3.25	2
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	0.40	2
B. Containing more than 20% and up to 50% inclusive of artificial silk :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .	3.75	2
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	4.50	2
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category — paragraphs (3) and (4) become (4) and (5). . . . .	0.50	2
Before the additional duty on printed tissues of silk and floss silk, etc. :		
V. Tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe) or artificial silk mixed with wool, the wool predominating in weight :		
A. All tissues of silk or floss silk (schappe) mixed with wool :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .	5.25	2
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	6.—	2
(c) figured (same description as for tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	0.50	2
B. Tissues of artificial silk mixed with wool :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .	4.85	2
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .	5.65	2
(c) figured (same description as for tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .	0.50	2

NOTE 1. — In addition to tissues containing less than 3% of silk or floss silk the following are excluded from the above item and are therefore governed by Article 433 of the tariff : Tissues normally included in the products of the cotton industry and habitually employed for linen, underclothes and embroideries or other similar articles, such as cotton cloths, Oxford or zephyr cloths, etc., even when such tissues only contain stripes or other effects produced with silk threads.

NOTE 2. — In addition to tissues containing less than 5% of artificial silk the following are excluded from the above item and are therefore governed by Article 433 of the tariff : Tissues normally included in the products of the cotton industry and habitually employed for linen, underclothes and embroideries or other similar articles, such as cotton cloths, Oxford or zephyr cloths, etc., even when such tissues only contain stripes or other effects produced with silk threads.

NOTES. — In the General Observations to Schedules A and B, after the words " other than cotton " between brackets in paragraph 2, add the words " or wool ".

The following insertions should be made in the proper places :

— Threads of floss silk, manufactured, i. e., in balls, reels, skeins, cards or other forms of haberdashery : surcharge of 25% on the duties for non-manufactured goods.

— Dyed silk threads for sewing, embroidery, trimming, haberdashery and other purposes ; increase of 20% on the duties applicable to unbleached threads.

— Scraps of artificial silk :

(a) in waste or in mass . . . . .	Fr. 2.50
(b) combed, carded or in lengthened or broken threads . . .	» 5.00
(c) threads described as artificial floss silk (continuous threads, vistra or others) . . . . .	» 10.00

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ANNEX B.

To be inserted in Schedule B (Italian tariff).

	Italian tariff
In the category : Threads of floss silk (schappe), pure — after letter (b) : Mixed :	Duties Gold Lire
(a) of artificial silk or similar materials including threads with artificial lustre or threads of imitation viscose . . . . .	Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(b) of natural silk in any proportion . . . . .	Tariff of floss silk threads.
(c) of metal . . . . .	Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(d) other, floss silk predominating in weight . . . . .	Tariff of floss silk threads.
In the category : Threads of floss silk waste — after litt. (b) :	
Mixed :	
(a) of artificial silk or similar materials including threads with artificial lustre or threads of imitation viscose . . . . .	Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(b) of natural silk in any proportion . . . . .	Tariff of floss silk threads.
(c) of metal . . . . .	Tariff of the material subject to the highest tax.
(d) other, floss silk waste predominating in weight . . . . .	Tariff of threads of floss silk waste.
Go silver files, purls, spangles, cut-out figures :	per kilogram.
(a) fine . . . . .	13.—
(b) half-fine or imitation . . . . .	6.50

		Italian tariff
		Gold Lire Per kgs.
In the category : Tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe) and artificial silk mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight — after III No. (2) :		
(3) Close-woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 :		
A. Containing not less than 3 % and not more than 12 % of silk or floss silk (Note 1) :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .		2.—
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .		2.50
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .		0.25
B. Containing over 12 % and up to 50 % inclusive of silk or floss silk :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .		3.—
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .		3.50
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .		0.50
In category IV : Stuffs of artificial silk and cotton after No. (2) :		
(3) Close tissues, scarves and all other tissues not specified in (1) and (2) :		
A. Containing at least 5 % and not more than 20 % of artificial silk (Note 2) :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .		1.50
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .		2.15
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) additional duty for each category . . . . .		0.25
B. Containing more than 20 % and up to 50 % of artificial silk :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .		2.50
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .		3.—
(c) figured (same description as for close-woven tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category — (paragraphs (3) and (4) become (4) and (5)) . . . . .		0.50
Before the additional duty on printed tissues of silk and floss silk, etc.		
VII. Tissues of silk, floss silk (schappe) or artificial silk mixed with wool, the wool predominating in weight :		
A. All tissues of silk or floss silk (schappe) mixed with wool :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .		3.50
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .		4.—
(c) figured (same description as for tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .		0.50
B. Tissues of artificial silk mixed with wool :		
(a) unbleached . . . . .		3.25
(b) scoured, bleached or dyed . . . . .		3.75
(c) figured (same description as for tissues of pure silk) ; additional duty for each category . . . . .		0.50

NOTE 1. — In addition to tissues containing less than 3% of silk or floss silk the following are excluded from the above item and are therefore treated on the same basis as tissues of cotton mixed with silk or floss silk in the same proportion. Tissues normally included in the products of the cotton industry and habitually employed for linen, underclothes and embroideries or other similar articles, such as cotton cloths, Oxford or zephyr cloths, etc., even when such tissues only contain stripes or other effects produced with silk threads.



NOTE 2. — In addition to tissues containing less than 5% of silk or floss silk the following are excluded from the above item and are therefore treated on the same basis as tissues of cotton mixed with artificial silk in the same proportion. Tissues normally included in the products of the cotton industry and habitually employed for linen, underclothes and embroideries or other similar articles, such as cotton cloths, Oxford or zephyr cloths, etc., even when such tissues only contain stripes or other effects produced with silk threads.

NOTES: 1. — In the General Observations to Schedules A and B, after the words "other than cotton" in brackets in paragraph 2, add the words "or wool".

2. — The following insertion should be made in the proper place:

"In the case of threads of silk, floss silk and artificial silk, in skeins, in balls, on reels or the like, or however prepared for retail sale included in Item 251 of the Italian Customs tariff, no increase in the duties at present in force may be made while the present Agreement remains in force."

## V.

ROME, January 10, 1924.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

With reference to letters exchanged on December 29 last regarding the approval of the nomenclature and Customs tariffs relating to mixed silk threads and tissues specified in Annexes 1 and 2 to the said letters, I am instructed by my Government to state, in connection with the duties fixed for scraps of artificial silk, in the Note at the end of Annex 1, that the said duties consist of the basic duty and co-efficient 2 and that this item should therefore read as follows:

Scraps of artificial silk :	Duty	Co-efficient
(a) In waste or in mass . . . . .	1.25	2
(b) Combed, carded or in lengthened or broken threads . . . . .	2.50	2
(c) Threads described as artificial floss silk (continuous threads, vistra or others) . . . . .	5.—	2

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) BARRÈRE.

## VI.

ROME, January 10, 1924.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In a note of to-day's date, in which you refer to the letters exchanged on December 29 last regarding the approval of the nomenclature and Customs tariffs relating to mixed silk threads and tissues specified in Annexes 1 and 2 of the said letters, you informed me that you were instructed by your Government to state, in connection with the duties fixed for scraps of artificial silk in the note at the end of Annex 1 that the said duties consisted of the basic duty and the co-efficient 2, and that this item should therefore read as follows:

Scraps of artificial silk :	Duty	Co-efficient
(a) In waste or in mass . . . . .	1.25	2
(b) Combed, carded or in lengthened or broken threads . . . . .	2.50	2
(c) Threads described as artificial floss silk (continuous threads, vistra or others) . . . . .	5.—	2

I have the honour to take note of this statement and to inform you that the Italian Government is in agreement with it.

(Signed) BENITO MUSSOLINI.