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FRANCE ET ITALIE

Convention sur le régime douanier
des soies et soieries, signée à
Paris, le 26 janvier 1927, et
échange de notes y relatif de la
même date.

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Agreement relating to the Customs
Régime applicable to Silks and
Silk Goods, signed at Paris,
January 26, 1927, and Exchange
of Notes relating thereto of the
same Date.

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No. 1804. — AGREEMENT² BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY RELATING TO THE CUSTOMS RÉGIME APPLICABLE TO SILKS AND SILK GOODS. SIGNED AT PARIS, JANUARY 26, 1927.

French official text communicated by the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Agreement took place August 1, 1928.

THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY and THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, having resolved to revise the Agreement³ relating to the Customs régime applicable to silk goods and silk manufactures of July 28, 1923, as supplemented by the exchange of Notes of December 29, 1923, and January 10, 1924, and modified by the Supplementary Agreement⁴ of May 29, 1926, and the exchange of Notes of August 14, 1926, have agreed on the following provisions, which, as regards products of silk and silk goods, will replace the provisions contained in the above-mentioned Agreement and Arrangements :

Article 1.

Products of silk, silk yarn and fabrics and all other products made of silk or artificial silk, originating in and coming from Italy, and imported into France, and products of silk, silk yarn and fabrics and all other products made of silk or artificial silk originating in and coming from France and imported into Italy, shall be admitted at the lowest rates which each of the High Contracting Parties applies or may hereafter apply, in virtue of autonomous tariff regulations or of conventions, to the products of any foreign country, both as regards Customs duties 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 resulting from Article 1, the 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 specified in the said schedule in conformity with the descriptions of goods set forth therein ; and 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 descriptions of goods set forth therein.

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations, à titre d'information.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for information.

² The exchange of ratifications took place at Paris, July 9, 1928.

³ Vol. XLIII, page 431, of this Series.

⁴ Vol. LXII, page 347, of this Series.

Article 3.

With a view to maintaining the relation between the duties specified in Schedule *A* and those specified in Schedule *B*, as fixed by the rates laid down therein, and in consideration of the fact that the duties specified in Schedule *B* are payable at the gold rate and therefore subject to a variable multiplier under the rules at present in force in Italy, the French Government reserves the right to increase the duties mentioned in Schedule *A* and undertakes to reduce them in proportion to the rise and fall of the mean official wholesale index number.

Nevertheless, this revision will only be made quarterly on the dates set forth in the Customs Law for the general revision of the tariff duties, and the duties will only be modified in so far as the wholesale index number, during the quarter under consideration, shows a rise or fall of at least 20 % in comparison with the mean index number for the quarter previous to the application of the said Customs Law or in comparison with the index number for the quarter previous to any change occurring in the above conditions.

As regards thrown silk, however, the readjustment of the duties shall only be on the basis of 50 % of the recorded difference of the index numbers.

Article 4.

The Italian Government reserves the right to revise the Customs treatment of the products mentioned in Schedule *B* as receiving "most-favoured-nation-treatment", but it may not subject them to higher duties than those existing at the time of the said revision on the same products in the French minimum tariff, so that the equivalence between the French and Italian duties shall always be maintained.

Should any duties in the said Schedule *B* be higher than those in the general tariff at present in force in Italy, the Italian Government reserves the right to increase the duties of its general tariff to the level of the duties specified for the corresponding products in Schedule *B*.

Article 5.

Should either of the High Contracting Parties lower the duties which are applicable to the 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 the proportional reductions in its own Customs tariff in order to maintain the relations established in the previous Article.

Article 6.

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 at the duties set forth in the present Agreement to the territory of the other Contracting Party without being subjected therein to expert Customs examination unless there is reason to suspect fraud or substitution.

Article 7.

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

It shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Paris. It shall come into force fifteen days after the exchange of ratifications.

In faith whereof, THE DELEGATE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT :

His Excellency Baron Romano AVEZZANA, Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Italy to the French Republic ;

and THE DELEGATES OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT :

His Excellency M. Aristide BRIAND, Minister for Foreign Affairs ;

His Excellency M. BOKANOWSKI, Minister of Commerce and Industry ;

Duly authorised to this effect, have signed the present instrument, which is drawn up in duplicate, and have thereto affixed their seals.

Done at Paris, January 26, 1927.

(L. S.) Aristide BRIAND.

(L. S.) Romano AVEZZANA.

(L. S.) M. BOKANOWSKI.

SCHEDULE A.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
Silk yarn :		
Pure :		
Unbleached :		
Raw silk, in hanks and skeins	—	free
Silk worked or thrown in hanks, skeins, balls, bobbins spools, reels, spindles, tubes, etc., not prepared for retail sale :		
Measuring in single or twisted yarn :		
More than 40,000 metres to the kg. :		
(a) Woofs with two or more ends, raw silk on tubes, reels or bobbins, without twisting	kg.	2.50
(b) Organzine with two or more ends and woof shoots ¹	ditto	3.75
(c) Special finishings ²	ditto	6.00
40,000 metres or less to the kg.	ditto	7.50
The same scoured, bleached, dyed, printed, clouted, etc., measuring in single or twisted yarn :		
More than 40,000 metres to the kg.	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
40,000 metres or less to the kg.	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 10 fr. per kg.

¹ By woof shoots is meant all silk with one end that has received a torsion of less than 1,000 turns per metre, in skeins, on tubes or reels, even if tinted to show the degree of torsion.

² By special finishings are meant all silk with one or more ends that have received a torsion of 1,000 or more turns per metre, in hanks or skeins, on tubes, bobbins, reels, even if simply tinted to show the degree of torsion.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
The same yarn in skeins, balls, on cards, bobbins, or other forms of small wares, and for needlework, prepared for retail sale	—	Francs Duties on yarn of 40,000 metres or less increased by 30 fr. per kg.
With admixture of any other material in any proportion . . .	—	Tariff applicable to yarn of the most highly taxed material of the mixture in the form of yarn.
Floss silk, floss silk waste, noils and silk waste :		
(a) In the mass (cocoon outer down (blazes), pierced cocoons and all other unreelable cocoons, flocks, bassinés, hanks, floss, penne, thrums, corons, and all other thread waste, bourrette, noils and other similar products)	—	free
(b) Combed or carded or unravelled :		
In rolls or in laps :		
In the pure state	kg.	1.—
With admixture of any other material in any proportion	—	Dutiable as most highly taxed material of the mixture.
In ribbons or slubs, namely, having undergone, including twisting or not, any workmanship subsequent to combing with a view to spinning	—	Tariff applicable to yarn of floss silk or floss silk waste according to kind.
Yarns of floss silk (schappe) :		
Pure : In ordinary skeins, on tubes, spindles, reels, bobbins, including warps, not prepared for retail sale :		
Unbleached or bleached or blued, in floss, including variegated schappe yarns and yarns merely tinted in order to discriminate the twisting :		
Single, measuring to the kg. :		
Up to 80,500 metres	kg.	6.70
More than 80,500 metres	ditto	7.60
Twisted, measuring to the kg (in single yarn) :		
Up to 80,500 metres	ditto	7.—
More than 80,500 metres	ditto	9.40
The same yarns scoured or bleached in the yarn, or dyed . . .	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
In skeins, balls, cards, bobbins, or other kinds of small wares and for needlework prepared for retail sale	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 25 fr. per kg.
With admixture of any other material in any proportion . . .	—	Tariff applicable to yarns of the most highly taxed material of the mixture in the form of yarn.
Yarns of floss silk waste :		
Pure :		
Unbleached or bleached or blued in floss :		
Single, measuring to the kg. :		
Up to 30,500 metres	kg.	1.90
More than 30,500 metres	ditto	3.—

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
Twisted, measuring to the kg. (in single yarn) :		
Up to 30,500 metres	kg.	2.25
More than 30,500 metres	ditto	3.40
The same yarns scoured or bleached in the yarn or dyed . . .	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3.75 fr. per kg.
With admixture of any other material in any proportion. . .	—	Tariff applicable to yarns of the most highly taxed material of the mixture in the form of yarns.
Fabrics of silk or floss silk (schappe), pure or tissues made of these two materials mixed together or with admixture of other textiles, the silk or floss silk predominating in weight :		
(1) Crêpes:		
English style	kg.	20.—
Other, including sanitary crêpe, but excluding crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft, weighing per sq. metre :		
50 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	ditto	39.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	42.50
Figured, i.e., with designs and figure weaving, even with independent threads and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds or foils . . .	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
More than 50 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	30.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	32.50
Figured (according to specification given for crêpes of 50 grammes or less)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(2) Plain tulle ¹ weighing per sq. metre :		
10 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	55.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed, without finishing	ditto	57.50
Dyed with finishing	ditto	60.—
Ornamented, i.e., provided with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery, including chenille tulle . . .	ditto	62.50
More than 10 grammes :		
Unbleached	ditto	35.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed, without finishing	ditto	37.50
Dyed with finishing	ditto	40.—
Ornamented (see description above for tulle of 10 grammes or less)	ditto	42.50

¹ By plain tulle are meant those without patterns consisting only of the woven net, or provided with ornamentation or patterns (other than embroidery) done by hand or by any process other than weaving or figure-weaving.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
(3) Velvets and plushes, including those used in upholstering, weighing per sq. metre :		
110 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	144.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	150.—
Figured, i.e., with designs, figure weaving and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 18 fr. per kg.
Over 110 grammes and up to 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	68.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	72.—
Figured (see description above)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 25 fr. per kg.
Over 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	33.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	36.—
Figured (see description above)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 36 fr. per kg.
(4) Loosely woven tissues :		
Muslins, grenadines, voile and the like, gauzes and étamines :		
Unbleached	kg.	45.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	49.—
Figured or figure-woven, i.e., with gauze-point, openwork, insertions, openwork stripes and other similar effects, even with plain parts	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
Crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft :		
Unbleached	kg.	50.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	55.—
Figured (the same specification as for crêpes)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(5) Special plain gauze for bolting :		
Not made up	kg.	60.—
Made up	ditto	50.—
(6) Ribbons :		
Velvet and plush, including chenille in bands :		
Unbleached	kg.	80.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	85.—
Figured, i.e., with designs, figure weaving by any process, letters, fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds or foils, spangling effects, curling bouclage and other similar effects.	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 20 fr. per kg.
Other :		
Unbleached	kg.	55.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	60.—

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
Figured, i.e., with designs, figure weaving and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds or foils or with gauze point, openwork, insertions, openwork stripes, or other similar effects, even with plain parts	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 15 fr. per kg.
(7) Machine-made lace and figured tulles ¹ , guipures and like goods, including doted or spotted tulles, scarves, Andalusian or "Spanish" veil : Machine-made : Worked on Lever lace-making machines and on circular bobbinet frames, in bands, frillings, netting, broad silk lace and all fancy wear : Unbleached Dyed	kg. ditto	90.— 110.—
(8) Close woven tissues, foulards, and all other tissues not specified in the foregoing paragraphs, weighing per square metre : 120 grammes or less : Unbleached Scoured, bleached or dyed Figured (same description as for crêpe) More than 120 grammes, 124 cm. wide or less : Unbleached Scoured, bleached or dyed Figured (same description as for crêpe) More than 120 grammes, 124 cm. wide or more : Unbleached Scoured, bleached or dyed Figured (same description as for crêpe)	ditto ditto — kg. ditto — kg. ditto —	27.50 30.— Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg. 27.50 30.— Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg. 30.— 35.— Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 30 fr. per kg.
Fabrics of floss silk waste, pure or mixed with other textiles, the floss silk waste predominating in weight : Stuffs weighing per square metre : 250 grammes or less : Unbleached Scoured, bleached or dyed Figured (same description as for floss silk crêpe)	kg. ditto —	17.50 20.— Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 2.50 fr. per kg.

¹ By figured tulles are meant tulles on which the design is worked by a mechanical process, i. e., tulles with plain net or with any fancy effects on which any design is worked by weaving ; tulles doted or spotted or showing any other decoration made with the threads of the tulle by any mechanical process.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
More than 250 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	12.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	15.—
Figured (same description as for floss silk crêpe)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 2.50 fr. per kg.
Fabrics of artificial silk, pure or mixed with silk, floss silk or other materials, not including metal, the artificial silk predominating in weight :		
(1) Crêpes :		
English style	kg.	16.50
Others, including sanitary crêpe, but not including crêpe with a high degree of torsion, having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft, weighing per square metre : 75 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	30.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	35.—
Figured, i.e., with designs, figured weaving, even with independent threads, and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
More than 75 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	25.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	30.—
Figured (see description above)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(2) Plain tulle ¹ weighing per square metre :		
20 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	42.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed, without finishing	ditto	45.—
Dyed with finishing	ditto	47.50
Ornamented, i.e., provided with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery, including chenille tulles	ditto	50.—
More than 20 grammes :		
Unbleached	ditto	30.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed, without finishing	ditto	32.50
Dyed with finishing	ditto	35.—
Ornamented (see description above)	ditto	37.50
(3) Velvets and plushes other than ribbons, including those used for upholstery, weighing per square metre :		
175 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	ditto	115.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	120.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk figured velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 15 fr. per kg.

¹ Same definition as for pure silk plain tulles.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Francs		
Over 175 grammes and up to 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	55.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	60.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk figured velvets)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 15 fr. per kg.
More than 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	33.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	36.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk figured velvets)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 20 fr. per kg.
(4) Loosely woven tissues :		
Muslins, grenadines, voiles and the like, gauze and étamines :		
Unbleached	kg.	35.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	40.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk muslins, etc.)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
Crêpe with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft :		
Unbleached	kg.	40.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	45.—
Figured (same description as for above-mentioned pure silk crêpe with a high degree of torsion)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(5) Ribbons :		
Velvet or plush :		
Unbleached	kg.	70.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	75.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet ribbons)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 15 fr. per kg.
Others :		
Unbleached	kg.	50.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	55.—
Figured (same description as for other pure silk ribbons)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 10 fr. per kg.
(6) Machine-made lace and figured tulle ¹ , guipures and like goods, including tulle, dotted or spotted, scarves, Andalusian and " Spanish " veil :		
Machine-made :		
Worked on Leaver lace-making machines and on circular bobbinet frames, in bands, frillings, netting, broad silk lace and all fancy wear :		
Unbleached	kg.	42.—
Dyed	ditto	46.50

¹ Same definition as for pure silk plain tulle.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Francs		
(7) Close woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in the foregoing paragraphs, weighing per square metre :		
175 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	23.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	26.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk close woven tissues)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
More than 175 grammes, with a width of :		
124 cm. or less		
Unbleached	kg.	23.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	26.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk close woven tissues)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
More than 124 cm. :		
Unbleached	kg.	27.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	30—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close woven tissues)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 20 fr. per kg.
Fabrics of silk, floss silk (schappe) or artificial silk, mixed with wool or hair, the wool or hair predominating in weight :		
A) Silk, floss silk and wool or hair :		
(1) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	50.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	55.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 15 fr. per kg.
(2) Ribbons	—	Tariff applicable to ribbons of silk, or floss silk and cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.
(3) Fabrics not specified in the foregoing paragraphs and in which the proportion of silk or floss silk is 12 % and more, up to 50 % of the total weight of the stuff :		
Crêpes :		
Unbleached	kg.	22.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	25.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
All other fabrics :		
Unbleached	kg.	20.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	22.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
B) Artificial silk and wool or hair :		
(1) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	50.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	52.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 10 fr. per kg.
(2) Ribbons		
		Tariff applicable to ribbons of artificial silk and cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.
(3) Fabrics not mentioned in the preceding paragraphs in which the proportion of artificial silk is 12 % and more, up to 50 % of the total weight of the stuff :		
Crêpes :		
Unbleached	kg.	20.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	22.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
All other fabrics :		
Unbleached	kg.	20.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	22.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
Fabrics of silk, floss silk (schappe) or artificial silk mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight :		
(1) Silk, floss silk and cotton :		
Crêpes :		
English style	kg.	16.50
Others, including so-called sanitary crepe, but not including crêpe with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in the warp and weft :		
Unbleached	ditto	25.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	30.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(2) Loose woven fabrics :		
Muslins, grenadines, voiles and the like, gauzes and étamines :		
Unbleached	kg.	35.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	37.50
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles of pure silk)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
Crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft :		
Unbleached	kg.	37.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	42.50

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
Figured (same description as for above pure silk crêpes with high degree of torsion)	---	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(3) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	50.--
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	55.--
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvets).	---	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 15 fr. per kg.
(4) Ribbons :		
Velvet or plush :		
Unbleached	kg.	60.--
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	65.--
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet ribbons)	---	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 15 fr. per kg.
Others :		
Unbleached	kg.	37.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	42.50
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles in pure silk)	---	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 10 fr. per kg.
(5) Close woven fabrics, foulards and all other fabrics not specified in the foregoing paragraphs, containing the following proportions of silk or silk floss :		
Less than 3 % of the total weight of the stuff, or fabrics of the under-noted categories normally produced in the cotton industry and generally used for lingerie, underwear and embroidery, or other similar articles such as cotton cloth, Oxfords, zephyrs, etc., even when these fabrics have merely stripes or effects of silk or floss silk threads	---	Respective conventional duties on cotton fabrics.
3 % and over, but less than 12 %, weighing per square metre : 160 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	8.80
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	11.--
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	---	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 1.20 fr. per kg.
More than 160 grammes with a width of : 124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	8.80
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	11.--
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	---	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 1.20 fr. per kg.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
More than 124 centimetres :		
Unbleached	kg.	12.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	15.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 2.50 fr. per kg.
12 % and up to 50 %, weighing per square metre :		
160 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	20.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	22.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 fr. per kg.
More than 160 grammes with a width of :		
124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	20.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	22.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 fr. per kg.
More than 124 centimetres :		
Unbleached	kg.	22.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	25.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 10 fr. per kg.
B) Artificial silk and cotton :		
(1) Crêpes :		
English style	kg.	15.50
Others, including so-called sanitary crêpes but not including crêpes with a high degree of torsion, having one or more alternating threads in the warp and weft:		
Unbleached	ditto	22.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	25.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(2) Loose woven fabrics :		
Muslins, grenadines, voiles and the like, gauzes and étamines :		
Unbleached	kg.	30.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	35.—
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles in pure silk)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
Crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in the warp and woof :		
Unbleached	kg.	35.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	40.—

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Figured (same description as above for pure silk crêpes with a high degree of torsion)	—	<p style="text-align: center;">Francs</p> Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
(3) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	50.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	52.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 10 fr. per kg.
(4) Ribbons :		
Velvet or plush :		
Unbleached	kg.	55.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	60.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet ribbons)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 fr. per kg.
Others :		
Unbleached	kg.	35.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	40.—
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles in pure silk)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 10 fr. per kg.
(5) Close-woven fabrics, foulards and all other fabrics not specified in the foregoing paragraph, containing the following proportions of artificial silk :		
Less than 5 % of the total weight of the stuff or fabrics of the under-noted categories, normally produced in the cotton industry and generally used in lingerie, underwear and embroidery or all other similar articles, such as cotton cloth, Oxfords, zephyrs, etc., even when these fabrics have merely stripes or effects of artificial silk threads	—	Respective conventional duties on cotton fabrics.
5 % and more, up 20 % inclusive weighing per square metre :		
180 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	8.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	10.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 1.50 fr. per kg.
More than 180 grammes, having a width of :		
124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	8.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	10.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 1.50 fr. per kg.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Francs		
More than 124 centimetres :		
Unbleached	kg.	10.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	11.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 1.50 fr. per kg.
More than 20 % and up to 50 %, weighing per square metre : 180 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	13.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	16.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 2.50 fr. per kg.
More than 180 grammes with a width of : 124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	13.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	16.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 2.50 fr. per kg.
More than 124 centimetres :		
Unbleached	kg.	15.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	18.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 fr. per kg.
Fabrics of silk, silk floss, or artificial silk, pure or mixed together, or with admixture of other textile materials, or of metal, printed, (not including hosiery, lace, articles specially taxed, among the cotton or woollen fabrics, as being the products of the cotton or wool industries)	—	Duties on dyed fabrics of the kind, increased by 45 fr. per 100 sq. metres.
Threads (<i>filés</i>), purls, open-work and spangles ¹ :		
Of fine metal	kg.	65.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	32.—
The description "fine metal" is applied to threads of precious metal, whether or not gilt, silvered or coated with platinum by plating or otherwise.		

¹ Under this term are included :

(1) *Filés* consisting of one thread, foil, tinsel, wires, etc., of metal spun on or wound round a silk textile core, or of textile thread, spun on or wound round silk, silk floss, artificial silk, wool, hair, cotton, cellulose, flax-yarn, textilose, or other textile material.

(2) The threads, foils, tinsels, etc., of metal, mixed with textile material or textile threads, whatever the proportion of the mixture.

(3) Purls, open-work and spangles consisting of metal.

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<p>Half-fine is non-precious metal silvered, gilt, or coated with platinum.</p> <p>Imitation metal is non-precious metal, not gilt, silvered or coated with platinum, imitating or not metal which has been silvered or coated with platinum.</p> <p>These threads usually take the form of wire (round threads), foil (flat threads), or "filés" (foil rolled round a core of textile material).</p> <p>The textile threads which constitute the core of the wire or "filé", etc., are treated as metal in determining the predominating material.</p> <p>Fabrics of silk, silk floss, silk waste, artificial silk, or other material with metal¹ :</p>		Francs
<p>A) Silk or floss silk predominating in weight :</p> <p>(1) Trimming :</p> <p>Fine metal :</p> <p> Unbleached</p> <p> Dyed</p> <p>Half-fine or imitation metal :</p> <p> Unbleached</p> <p> Dyed</p> <p>(2) Other fabrics (crêpes, tulles, velvets and plushes, loose-woven fabrics, machine-made lace, ribbons, close-woven fabrics and others not specified) excepting hosiery :</p> <p>Duty for fabrics of the kind in silk or silk floss, pure or predominating in weight, with additional duty of :</p> <p> Fine metal</p> <p> Half-fine or imitation metal</p>	<p>kg.</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>—</p> <p>—</p>	<p>60.—</p> <p>65.—</p> <p>30.—</p> <p>32.50</p> <p>45 per kg.</p> <p>15.— per kg.</p>
<p>B) Artificial silk predominating in weight :</p> <p>(1) Trimming :</p> <p>Fine metal :</p> <p> Unbleached</p> <p> Dyed</p> <p>Half-fine or imitation metal :</p> <p> Unbleached</p> <p> Dyed</p> <p>(2) Other fabrics (see definition above) :</p> <p>Duties for fabrics of the kind in artificial silk, pure or predominating in weight, with additional duty :</p> <p> Fine metal</p> <p> Half-fine or imitation metal</p>	<p>kg.</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p>	<p>50.—</p> <p>55.—</p> <p>25.—</p> <p>27.50</p> <p>35.—</p> <p>15.—</p>
<p>C) Wool, cotton or materials other than silk, floss silk or artificial silk, predominating in weight :</p> <p>(1) Trimmings :</p> <p>Fine metal :</p> <p> Unbleached</p> <p> Dyed</p> <p>Half-fine or imitation metal :</p> <p> Unbleached</p> <p> Dyed</p>	<p>kg.</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p> <p>ditto</p>	<p>42.50</p> <p>45.—</p> <p>20.—</p> <p>22.50</p>

¹ Fabrics entirely of metal, threaded or other, for clothing ornamentation, upholstery, or other similar use are treated on the same footing as fabrics of the predominating metal.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Francs
(2) Other fabrics (see definition above) :		
Duties on fabrics of the kind in silk, floss silk, artificial silk, mixed with wool or cotton, the wool or the cotton predominating in weight, with additional duty of :		
Fine metal	kg.	30.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	10.—
D) Metal predominating in weight ¹ :		
(1) Trimmings :		
Fine metal :		
Unbleached	ditto	60.—
Dyed	ditto	65.—
Half-fine or imitation metal :		
Unbleached	ditto	30.—
Dyed	ditto	32.—
(2) Machine-made lace (see description as for pure silk lace) :		
Fine metal	ditto	75.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	50.—
(3) Other fabrics (crêpes, tulle, velvets and plushes, loose-woven fabrics, ribbons, close-woven fabrics and others not specified excepting hosiery and lace) :		
Fine metal	ditto	65.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	32.—

¹ Fabrics and trimmings the surface of which is entirely covered with metal are considered as metal predominating in weight.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

I. — Where mixed fabrics, governed by the regulation concerning the part predominating in weight, are composed in exactly equal proportions of two elements one of which is more highly taxed than the other, the tariff applicable to the more highly taxed element shall, unless otherwise specially provided, be applied to the whole product.

II. — Where a fabric is composed of more than two materials, of which one or two are silk (natural silk and silk floss or artificial silk and schappe) and other textiles, then, subject to the reservation set forth in I above, the tariff is determined first of all by the duty on the silk group or group of other textiles of which the weight predominates, and afterwards by the most heavily taxed material of the group predominating in weight.

III. — Fabrics of silk, floss silk (schappe), floss silk waste and artificial silk mixed with textile materials other than cotton and wool, these materials predominating in weight, shall be treated on the same footing as fabrics of silk, floss silk or artificial silk of the same categories, mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.

IV. — Goffered or stamped fabrics shall be treated on the same footing as figured fabrics.

V. — All fabrics the surface of which has a velvet effect obtained by a double warp, one a lower and the other a woof-shoot warp, shall be considered as velvet and assessed according to the duties laid down for velvet of the kind.

SCHEDULE B.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Silk yarns :		Gold lire
Pure :		
Unbleached :		
Raw silk in hanks and skeins	—	free
Silk worked or thrown in hanks, skeins, balls, bobbins, spools, reels, spindles, tubes, etc., not prepared for retail sale :		
Measuring in single or twisted yarn :		
More than 40,000 metres to the kg. :		
(a) Woofs with two or more ends, raw silk on tubes, reels or bobbins, without twisting	—	free
(b) Organzine with two or more ends and woof shoots ¹	—	free
(c) Special finishings ²	—	free
40,000 metres or less to the kg.	—	free
The same scoured, bleached, dyed, printed, clouded, etc., measuring in single or twisted yarn :		
More than 40,000 metres to the kg.	kg.	1.—
40,000 metres or less to the kg.	ditto	1.—
The same yarn in skeins, balls, on cards, bobbins, or other forms of small wares, and for needlework, prepared for retail sale	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
With admixture of any other material in any proportion . . .	—	Tariff applicable to yarn of the most highly taxed material of the mixture in the form of yarn.
Floss silk, floss silk waste, noils and silk waste :		
(a) In the mass (cocoon outer down (blazes), pierced cocoons and all other unreelable cocoons, flocks, bassinés, hanks, floss, penne, thrums, corons, and all other thread waste, bourrette, noils and other similar products)	—	free
(b) Combed or carded or unravelled :		
In rolls or in laps :		
In the pure state	kg.	0.10
With admixture of any other material in any proportion	—	Dutiable as most highly taxed material of the mixture.
In ribbons or slubs, i.e., having undergone, including twisting or not, any workmanship subsequent to combing with a view to spinning	—	Tariff applicable to yarn of floss silk or floss silk waste according to kind.

¹ By woof shoots is meant all silk with one end that has received a torsion of less than 1,000 turns per metre, in skeins, on tubes or reels, even if tinted to show the degree of torsion.

² By special finishings are meant all silk wares with one or more ends that have received a torsion of 1,000 or more turns per metre, in hanks or skeins, on tubes, bobbins or reels, even if simply tinted to show the degree of torsion.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Gold lire		
Yarns of floss silk (schappe) :		
Pure :		
In ordinary skeins, on tubes, spindles, reels, bobbins including warps, not prepared for retail sale :		
Unbleached or bleached or blued, in floss, including variegated schappe yarns and yarns merely tinted in order to discriminate the twisting :		
Single measuring to the kg. :		
Up to 80,500 metres	kg.	0.70
More than 80,500 metres	ditto	1.—
Twisted measuring to the kg. (in single yarn) :		
Up to 80,500 metres	ditto	0.90
More than 80,500 metres	ditto	1.20
The same yarns scoured or bleached in the yarn or dyed . .	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.50 fr. per kg.
In skeins, balls, cards, bobbins, or other kinds of small wares and for needlework, prepared for retail sale	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
With admixture of any other material in any proportion . . .	—	Tariff applicable to yarn of the most highly taxed material of the mixture in the form of yarn.
Yarns of floss silk waste :		
Pure :		
Unbleached or bleached or blued in floss :		
Single measuring to the kg. :		
Up to 30,500 metres	kg.	0.25
More than 30,500 metres	ditto	0.40
Twisted, measuring to the kg. (in single yarn) :		
Up to 30,500 metres	kg.	0.30
More than 30,500 metres	ditto	0.45
The same yarn scoured or bleached in the yarn or dyed . . .	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.45 fr. per kg.
With admixture of any other material in any proportion . . .	—	Tariff applicable to yarn of the most highly taxed material of the mixture in the form of yarn.
Fabrics of silk or floss silk (schappe), pure or tissues made of these two materials mixed together or with other textiles, the silk or silk floss predominating in weight :		
(1) Crêpes :		
English style	kg.	17.—
Other, including sanitary crêpe, but excluding crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft, weighing per square metre : 50 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	ditto	11.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	12.—
Figured, i.e., with designs and figure weaving, even with independent threads, and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds or foils	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 1 lira per kg.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Gold lire
More than 50 grammes :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (according to specification given for crêpes of 50 grammes or less)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(2) Plain tulle ¹ weighing per square metre :		
10 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	13.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed, without finishing	ditto	14.—
Dyed with finishing	ditto	14.50
Ornamented, i.e., provided with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery, including chenille tulle	ditto	15.—
More than 10 grammes :		
Unbleached	ditto	9.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed without finishing	ditto	10.—
Dyed with finishing	ditto	10.50
Ornamented (see description above for tulle of 10 grammes or less)	ditto	11.—
(3) Velvets and plushes, including those used in upholstering, weighing per square metre :		
110 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	ditto	31.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	32.—
Figured, i.e., with designs, figure weaving and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 4 lire per kg.
More than 110 grammes and up to 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	15.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	16.—
Figured (see description above)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 5 lire per kg.
More than 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	10.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	11.—
Figured (see description above)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 lire per kg.
(4) Loosely woven tissues :		
Muslins, grenadines, voiles and the like, gauzes and étamines :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.

¹ By plain tulle are meant those without patterns consisting only of the woven net, or provided with ornamentations or patterns (other than embroidery) done by hand or by any process other than weaving or figure weaving.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Figured or figure-woven, i.e., with gauze-point, openwork, insertions, openwork stripes and other similar effects, even with plain parts	—	Gold lire Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft :		
Unbleached	kg.	11.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	12.—
Figured (the same specification as for crêpes)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 1 lira per kg.
(5) Special plain gauze for bolting :		
Not made up	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Made up	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(6) Ribbons :		
Velvet and plush, including chenille in bands :		
Unbleached	kg.	16.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	17.—
Figured, i.e., with designs, figure weaving by any process, letters, fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds or foils, spangling effects, curling (<i>bouclage</i>) and other similar effects	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 4 lire per kg.
Other :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured, i.e., with designs, figure weaving and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds or foils or with gauze point, openwork, insertions, openwork stripes, or other similar effects, even with plain parts	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(7) Machine-made lace and figured tulle ¹ , guipures and like goods including dotted or spotted tulle, scarves, Andalusian or Spanish veil :		
Machine made :		
Worked on Leavers lace-making machines and on circular bobbinet frames, in bands, frillings, netting, broad silk and all fancy wear :		
Unbleached	kg.	25.—
Dyed	ditto	25.—

¹ By figured tulle are meant tulle on which the design is worked by a mechanical process, i.e., tulle with plain net or with any fancy effects on which any design is worked by weaving; tulle dotted or spotted, or showing any other decoration made with the threads of the tulle by any mechanical process.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Gold lire		
(8) Close woven tissues, foulards, and all other tissues not specified in the foregoing paragraphs, weighing per square metre :		
120 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
More than 120 grammes, 124 cm. wide or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
More than 120 grammes, and more than 124 cm. wide :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Fabrics of floss silk waste, pure or mixed with other textiles, the floss silk waste predominating in weight :		
Stuffs weighing per square metre :		
250 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for floss silk crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
More than 250 grammes :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for floss silk crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Fabrics of artificial silk, pure or mixed with silk, floss silk or other materials, not including metal, the artificial silk predominating in weight :		
(1) Crêpes :		
English style	kg.	17.—
Others, including sanitary crêpe, but not including crêpe with a high degree of torsion, having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft, weighing per square metre :		
75 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Gold lire Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured, i.e., with designs, figure-weaving, even with independent threads, and fancy effects obtained by weaving with more than 24 healds	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
More than 75 grammes : Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (see description above)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(2) Plain tulle ¹ weighing per square metre :		
20 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	10.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed, without finishing	ditto	11.—
Dyed with finishing	ditto	11.50
Ornamented, i.e., provided with various patterns not in the nature of embroidery, including chenille tulle	ditto	12.—
More than 20 grammes :		
Unbleached	ditto	7.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed, without finishing	ditto	8.—
Dyed with finishing	ditto	8.50
Ornamented (see description above)	ditto	9.—
(3) Velvets and plushes other than ribbons, including those used for upholstery, weighing per square metre :		
175 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	25.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	26.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk figured velvets)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 lire per kg.
Over 175 grammes, and up to 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	13.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	14.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk figured velvets)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 lire per kg.
More than 400 grammes :		
Unbleached	kg.	9.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	10.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk figured velvets)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 4 lire per kg.

¹ Same definition as for pure silk plain tulle.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Go.d lire		
(4) Loosely woven tissues : Muslins, grenadines, voiles and the like, gauze and étamines :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk muslins, etc.)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Crêpe with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft :		
Unbleached	—	Most favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for above-mentioned pure silk crêpe with a high degree of torsion)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(5) Ribbons :		
Velvet or plush :		
Unbleached	kg.	14.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	15.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet ribbons)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind in-, creased by 3 lire per kg.
Others :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for other pure silk ribbons)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(6) Machine-made lace and figured tulles ¹ , guipures and like goods, including tulles dotted or spotted, scarves, Andalusian and Spanish veil :		
Machine made :		
Worked on Leavers lace-making machine and oncircular bobbinet frames, in bands, frillings, netting, broad silk lace and all fancy wear :		
Unbleached	kg.	19.25
Dyed	ditto	19.25
(7) Close-woven tissues, foulards and all other tissues not specified in the foregoing paragraphs, weighing per square metre :		
175 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk close woven tissues)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.

¹ Same definition as for pure silk plain tulles.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Gold lire
More than 175 grammes :		
124 cm. wide or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven tissues)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
More than 124 cm. wide :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven tissues)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Fabrics of silk, floss silk (schappe) or artificial silk, mixed with wool or hair, the wool or hair predominating in weight :		
A. Silk, floss silk and wool or hair :		
(1) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	10.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	11.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 lire per kg.
(2) Ribbons	—	Tariff applicable to ribbons of silk or floss silk and cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.
(3) Fabrics not specified in the foregoing paragraphs and in which the proportion of silk or floss silk is 12 % and more, up to 50 % of the total weight of the stuff :		
Crêpes :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
All other fabrics :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk fabrics)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
B. Artificial silk and wool or hair :		
(1) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	10.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	10.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 2 lire per kg.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
(2) Ribbons	—	Gold lire Tariff applicable to ribbons of artificial silk and cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.
(3) Fabrics not mentioned in the preceding paragraphs in which the proportion of artificial silk is 12 % and more, up to 50 % of the total weight of the stuff :		
Crêpes :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
All other fabrics :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk fabrics)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Fabrics of silk, floss silk, schappe, or artificial silk mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight :		
A. Silk, floss silk and cotton :		
(1) Crêpes :		
English style	kg.	17.—
Others, including so-called sanitary crêpe, but not including crêpe with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in the warp and weft :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(2) Loose-woven fabrics :		
Muslins, grenadines, voiles and the like, gauzes and étamines :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles of pure silk)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in warp and weft :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for above pure silk crêpes with high degree of torsion)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Gold lire		
(3) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	10.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	11.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvets)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 lire per kg.
(4) Ribbons :		
Velvet or plush :		
Unbleached	kg.	12.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	13.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet ribbons)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 lire per kg.
Others :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles in pure silk)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(5) Close-woven fabrics, foulards and all other fabrics not specified in the foregoing paragraphs, containing the following proportions of silk or silk floss :		
Less than 3 % of the total weight of the stuff, or fabrics of the under-noted categories normally produced in the cotton industry and generally used for lingerie, underwear and embroidery, or other similar articles such as cotton cloth, Oxfords, zephirs, etc., even when these fabrics have merely stripes or effects of silk or floss silk threads	—	Respective conventional duties on cotton fabrics.
3 % and over, but less than 12 % weighing per square metre :		
160 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	1.75
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	2.20
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.25 per kg.
More than 160 grammes with a width of :		
124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	1.75
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	2.20
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.25 per kg.
More than 124 centimetres :		
Unbleached	kg.	2.50
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	3.—

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Gold lire
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.50 per kg.
12 % and up to 50 % weighing per square metre : 160 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
More than 160 grammes with a width of : 124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
More than 124 centimetres :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
B. Artificial silk and cotton :		
(1) Crêpes :		
English style	kg.	17.—
Others, including so-called sanitary crêpes, but not including crêpes with a high degree of torsion, having one or more alternating threads in the warp and weft :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	
Figured (same description as for pure silk crêpes)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(2) Loose-woven fabrics :		
Muslins, grenadines, voiles and the like, gauzes and étamines :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles in pure silk)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Crêpes with a high degree of torsion having one or more alternating threads in the warp and woof :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Gold lire Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for above pure silk crêpes with a high degree of torsion)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(3) Velvets, plushes, sealskins :		
Unbleached	kg.	10.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	10.50
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 2 lire per kg.
(4) Ribbons :		
Velvet or plush :		
Unbleached	kg.	11.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	12.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk velvet)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 3 lire per kg.
Others :		
Unbleached	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Scoured, bleached or dyed	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
Figured (same description as for corresponding articles in pure silk)	—	Most-favoured-nation treatment.
(5) Close-woven fabrics, foulards and all other fabrics not specified in the foregoing paragraphs, containing the following proportions of artificial silk :		
Less than 5 % of the total weight of the stuff or fabrics of the under-noted categories, normally produced in the cotton industry and generally used in lingerie, underwear and embroidery or all other similar articles, such as cotton cloth, Oxfords, zephyrs, etc. even when these fabrics have merely stripes or effects of artificial silk threads	—	Respective conventional duties on cotton fabrics.
5 % and more, up to 20 % inclusive, weighing per square metre :		
180 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	1.60
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	2.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.30 per kg.
More than 180 grammes, having a width of :		
124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	1.60
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	2.—
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.30 per kg.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Gold lire
More than 124 centimetres :		
Unbleached	kg.	2.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	2.20
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.30 per kg.
More than 20 % and up to 50 %, weighing per square metre :		
180 grammes or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	2.60
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	3.20
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.50 per kg.
More than 180 grammes with a width of :		
124 centimetres or less :		
Unbleached	kg.	2.60
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	3.20
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.50 per kg.
More than 124 cm. :		
Unbleached	kg.	3.—
Scoured, bleached or dyed	ditto	3.60
Figured (same description as for pure silk close-woven fabrics)	—	Above-mentioned duties according to kind, increased by 0.50 per kg.
Fabrics of silk, silk floss, or artificial silk, pure or mixed together, or with admixture of other textile materials, or of metal, printed, (not including hosiery, lace, articles specially taxed among the cotton or woollen fabrics, as being the products of the cotton or wool industries)	—	Duties on dyed fabrics according to kind, increased by 15 lire per 100 square metres.
Threads (<i>filés</i>), purls, open-work and spangles ¹ :		
Of fine metal	kg.	13.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	6.50
The description "fine metal" is applied to threads of precious metal, whether or not gilt, silvered or coated with platinum by plating or otherwise.		

¹ Under this term are included :

(a) *Filés* consisting of a thread, foil, tinsel, wires, etc., of metal, spun on or wound round a silk textile core, or of textile thread, spun on or wound round silk, silk floss, artificial silk, wool, hair, cotton, flax-yarn, cellulose, textilose, or other textile material.

(b) The threads, foils, tinsels, etc., of metal, mixed with textile material or textile threads, whatever the proportion of the mixture.

(c) Purls, open-work and spangles consisting of metal.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
Half-fine is non-precious metal silvered, gilt, or coated with platinum.		Gold file
Imitation metal is non-precious metal, not gilt, silvered or coated with platinum imitating or not metal which has been gilt, silvered or coated with platinum.		
These threads usually take the form of wire (round threads), foil (flat threads), or "filés" (foil wound round a core of textile material).		
The textile threads which constitute the core of the wire or filé, etc., are treated as metal in determining the predominating material.		
Fabrics of silk, silk floss, silk floss waste, artificial silk or other material with metal ¹ :		
A) Silk or floss silk predominating in weight:		
(1) Trimming:		
Fine metal:		
Unbleached	kg.	14.—
Dyed	ditto	15.—
Half-fine or imitation metal:		
Unbleached	ditto	8.—
Dyed	ditto	8.50
(2) Other fabrics (crêpes, tulles, velvets, and plushes, loose-woven fabrics, machine-made lace, ribbons, close-woven fabrics and others not specified, excepting hosiery):		
Duty for fabrics of the kind in silk or silk floss, pure or predominating in weight, with additional duty of:		
Fine metal	kg.	9.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	3.—
B) Artificial silk predominating in weight:		
(1) Trimming:		
Fine metal:		
Unbleached	ditto	12.—
Dyed	ditto	13.—
Half-fine or imitation metal:		
Unbleached	ditto	7.—
Dyed	ditto	7.50
(2) Other fabrics (see definition above):		
Duties for fabrics of the kind in artificial silk, pure or predominating in weight, with additional duty of:		
Fine metal	ditto	7.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	3.—
C) Wool, cotton or materials other than silk, floss silk or artificial silk, predominating in weight:		
(1) Trimmings:		
Fine metal:		
Unbleached	ditto	10.—
Dyed	ditto	11.—
Half-fine or imitation metal:		
Unbleached	ditto	5.50
Dyed	ditto	6.—

¹ Fabrics entirely of metal, threaded or other, for clothing, ornamentation, upholstery, or other similar use are treated on the same footing as fabrics of the predominating metal.

Description of Goods	Unit of taxation	Duties
		Gold lire
(2) Other fabrics (see definition above) :		
Duties on fabrics of the kind in silk, floss silk, artificial silk, mixed with wool or cotton, the wool or the cotton predominating in weight, with additional duty of :		
Fine metal	kg.	6.—
Half-fine or imitation metal	ditto	2.—
D) Metal predominating in weight ¹ :		
(1) Trimmings :		
Fine metal :		
Unbleached	kg.	14.—
Dyed	ditto	15.—
Half-fine or imitation metal :		
Unbleached	ditto	7.—
Dyed	ditto	7.50
(2) Machine-made lace (see description as for pure silk lace) :		
Fine metal	ditto	17.—
Half-fine metal or imitation metal	ditto	12.—
(3) Other fabrics (crêpes, tulles, velvets and plushes, loose-woven fabrics, ribbons, close-woven fabrics and others not specified excepting hosiery and lace) :		
Fine metal	ditto	14.—
Half-fine metal or imitation metal	ditto	7.—

¹ Fabrics and trimmings the surface of which is entirely covered with metal, are considered as metal predominating in weight.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

I. — Where mixed fabrics, governed by the regulation concerning the part predominating in weight, are composed in exactly equal proportions of two elements one of which is more highly taxed than the other, the tariff applicable to the more highly taxed element shall unless otherwise specially provided, be applied to the whole product.

II. — Where a fabric is composed of more than two materials, of which one or two are silk (natural silk and silk floss or artificial silk and schappe) and other textiles, then, subject to the production set forth in I above, the tariff is determined first of all by the duty on the silk group or group of other textiles of which the weight predominates, and afterwards by the most heavily taxed material of the group predominating in weight.

III. — Fabrics of silk, floss silk (schappe), floss silk waste and artificial silk mixed with textile materials other than cotton and wool, these materials predominating in weight, shall be treated on the same footing as fabrics of silk, floss silk or artificial silk of the same categories, mixed with cotton, the cotton predominating in weight.

IV. — Goffered or stamped fabrics shall be treated on the same footing as figured fabrics.

V. — All fabrics the surface of which has a velvet effect obtained by a double warp, one a lower and the other a woof-shoot warp shall be considered as velvet and assessed according to the duties laid down for velvet of the kind.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

M. ARISTIDE BRIAND, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
TO HIS EXCELLENCY BARON ROMANO AVEZZANA, AMBASSADOR OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY.

PARIS, *January 26, 1927.*

The Agreement relating to the Customs Régime applicable to Silks and Silk Goods, which has been successfully concluded on to-day's date, involves, as regards the fixing of French duties, important changes which it would appear impossible to effect independently of the general revision of the tariff upon which the French Government and Parliament are at present engaged.

The French Government therefore desires not to put the Agreement signed to-day into force by means of a separate decree if it should prove possible to complete the general revision of the tariff within the next few months.

Nevertheless, the French Government perfectly understands the tariff and treaty considerations which prevent the Italian Government from consenting to too distant a date for putting into force the Agreement concluded to-day.

It therefore declares its willingness, should it be impossible to obtain the approval of Parliament for the whole of the Customs Law by May 1, to request Parliament to treat the matter as urgent and to ratify the Agreement relating to the Customs Régime applicable to Silks and Silk Goods in order to allow of this Agreement coming into force on June 1.

I trust that the Italian Government will raise no objection to the procedure which I have the honour to submit to it on behalf of my Government and to which I should be pleased to receive Your Excellency's consent.

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HIS EXCELLENCY BARON ROMANO AVEZZANA, AMBASSADOR OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY
TO HIS EXCELLENCY M. ARISTIDE BRIAND, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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In a Note of to-day's date, Your Excellency was good enough to inform me as follows :

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I have the honour to take note of this communication, and I am glad to inform you of the consent of the Italian Government to the proposed procedure.

Romano AVEZZANA.

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The Italian Government consented to this declaration being omitted from the Agreement, considering that it ought to accede to the desire of the French Government to insert, in its draft tariff, fixed rates and specified duties for silks and silk goods as in the case of other products.

The Italian Government, however, is of opinion that it would be inequitable not to adjust the proposed duties to the rate of the franc, should the value of the latter rise or fall by 10 % or more during the period which will elapse before the ratification of the Agreement.

I should be glad to receive an assurance from you that such is the intention of the French Government.

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In taking note of this communication I have the honour to confirm that the Government of the Republic is entirely in agreement with you as regards its contents and that it will take all the steps which may be necessary to ensure that the Agreement, at the time of its ratification, is in consonance with our understanding on the matter.

A. BRIAND.

HIS EXCELLENCY BARON ROMANO AVEZZANA, AMBASSADOR OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY,
TO HIS EXCELLENCY M. ARISTIDE BRIAND, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PARIS, *January 26, 1927.*

During the negotiations which led to the conclusion of the Agreement relating to the Customs Régime applicable to Silk and Silk Goods of to-day's date, the French Delegation expressed a desire that a reduction of 20 % might be made in the surtax on fabrics containing threads of fine, half-fine or imitation metal, when applied to ribbons with an admixture of not more than 10 % in weight of the above metals, and when these metals are only included in the selvedge. The Italian Delegation has not had the opportunity of taking the advice it considered necessary in this matter and cannot accordingly give its consent to the French Delegation's request, but I wish to confirm the assurance it gave to examine this question in a friendly spirit and to inform the French Government at an early date whether it would be possible to accede to the French manufacturers' request.

I shall be glad to receive your assurance that you agree to this suggestion.

Romano AVEZZANA.

HIS EXCELLENCY M. ARISTIDE BRIAND, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO
HIS EXCELLENCY BARON ROMANO AVEZZANA, AMBASSADOR OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY.

PARIS, *January 26, 1927.*

You were good enough to assure me in your letter of to-day's date that the request made by the French manufacturers for a reduction of 20 % in the surtax applicable to ribbons with less than 10 % of fine, half-fine or imitation metal would be examined in a friendly spirit by the Italian Delegation, on condition, however, that the metal is incorporated in the selvedge of the said fabrics.

I welcome Your Excellency's promise with pleasure and trust that it will be found possible to agree to the French request, which appears to the French Government to be warranted both from a technical point of view and from the point of view of the value of the products in question.

A. BRIAND