

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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AG 423(14 Jan 47)ESS/TD
(SCAPIN 1465)

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT: Release of Raw Silk

1. Reference is made to paragraph four SCAPIN 1802-A, dated 23 July 1946, which is as follows: "4. The conditioning houses will arrange to re-test, visually and mechanically, all raw silk that is held by weavers, knitters, and other manufacturers. Priority will be given to the testing of newly reeled silk." This paragraph is hereby rescinded.

2. Reference is made to SCAPIN 878, dated 14 April 1946, subject: Raw Silk of Exportable Grades in Possession of Weavers and Manufacturers. This directive is hereby rescinded.

3. It is directed that the following stocks and future production of raw silk be released in accordance with instructions contained herein:

a. All raw silk and raw silk in the process of weaving and knitting, in the possession of weavers, knitters, and other manufacturers.

b. All raw silk of "F" Grade and below.

c. All damaged raw silk and raw silk with bad winding that is not exportable.

d. All grades of 28 denier raw silk.

e. All raw silk "out of size" 13/15 and 20/22.

f. All raw silk 42 denier and coarser.

g. All douppions and hand reeled silk of all grades and deniers.

h. All raw silk in open bales in the possession of control agencies and silk companies and/or in skein or book form.

i. All single filament raw silk, also known as "Woolen Silk".

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4. Such raw silk is to be released to an authorized agency, designated by the Imperial Japanese Government. This agency will allocate the available raw silk supply to the weavers, knitters, and other manufacturers, for processing into end items.

5. This government designated agency will be responsible for the production of end items manufactured from released raw silk. On completion of manufacture, this agency will also be responsible for and control distribution, in accordance with plans approved by or directives issued by the Price Control and Rationing Division of the Economic and Scientific Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

6. All products manufactured from the released raw silk will be distributed pursuant to the Japanese Government rationing system, and will be sold at no higher than Japanese Government official ceiling prices. The agency designated by the Imperial Japanese Government to distribute the raw silk and allocate the end products will maintain such checks as to insure the accounting for by manufacturers of all raw silk received for manufacture, and all end products produced.

7. Direct communication between the Textile Bureau, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Economic and Scientific Section, Textile Division, is authorized to implement the provisions of this memorandum.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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