Co-operation and outward processing arrangements between Hungarian and foreign companies make complete the range of the traditional Hungarian trade in textile and clothing. For the present, outward processing arrangements represent higher turnover, however, the importance of outward processing turnover is showing a decreasing tendency and that of the deliveries realized on the basis of co-operation arrangements is increasing.

As to the turnover in outward processing, in this field the major partners of the Hungarian companies are those of the German Federal Republic (with a share of some 30 per cent). In addition, arrangements realized with Dutch, French and British companies from among the member States of the European Economic Communities represent a considerable share. In the course of the past years, the role American companies play in these arrangements has increased. In the framework of the outward processing turnover, Hungarian companies supply, in the first place, ladies' robes and blouses, ladies' and men's overgarments; in the export of these goods to the United States, men's jackets and suits are of considerable importance.

As to the deliveries realized on the basis of co-operation arrangements, woollen products (German Federal Republic and Switzerland) and ready-made articles (primarily the German Federal Republic) represent the most considerable share.