

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendments to the Bilateral Agreement Between
the United States and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States regarding further amendments to its bilateral agreement with Thailand, concluded under Article 4¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹For details of the original agreement and amendment see COM.TEX/SB/153 and 234.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

UNITED STATES AND THAILAND
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Thailand exchanged letters dated May 20 and April 4, 1977 to amend the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles between the two countries: The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

Bangkok, Thailand

May 20, 1977

Mr. Chanoot Sriprab
Acting Director General
Department of Foreign Trade
Ministry of Commerce
Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter No. 0304/1656 dated April 4, 1977, this is to advise you that by telegram dated May 18, 1977 the United States Government agrees to the request by the Royal Thai Government to exceed consultation levels during the second agreement year of the Bilateral Textile Agreement of December 29, 1975 by the following amounts:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT (SYE)</u>
9/10	800,000
15/16	600,000
26/27 (other than duck)	500,000
209	500,000

Sincerely,

/S/ Ross C. Parr
First Secretary

THAILAND LETTER

Department of Foreign Trade
Ministry of Commerce
Bangkok, Thailand.

April 4, 1977

Mr. R. C. Parr
First Secretary
Embassy of the United States of America
Bangkok

Dear Mr. Parr,

Referring to Article 6 of the Bilateral Textile Agreement of December 29, 1975, I am requesting for the raises of consultation levels in Group I for the second agreement year as follows:

category 9/10	=	800,000 square yards
category 15/16	=	600,000 square yards
category 26/27 (other than duck)	=	500,000 square yards
category 209	=	500,000 square yards

Thus, the new restraint levels of the forementioned categories shall be:

category 9/10	=	3,300,000 square yards
category 15/16	=	1,600,000 square yards
category 26/27 (duck)	=	7,200,000 square yards
category 209	=	2,300,000 square yards
	=	3,000,000 square yards

We also would like to confirm that the excess levels will be within the group limit as well as the total aggregate limit, and hope that they will meet with your Government's favorable consideration.

Your immediate attention would be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
/S/ Chanoot Sriprab
Acting Director General

UNITED STATES AND THAILAND
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Thailand exchanged notes on October 6, 1977 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

October 6, 1977

His Excellency
Upadit Pachariyangkun
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Bangkok

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products of December 29, 1975, as amended, between our two governments (hereafter referred to as the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments in Geneva. As a result of these discussions, I wish to propose that the Agreement be further amended as follows for the second agreement year:

1. (A) Categories 116 and 117 are merged.
(B) Categories 15 and 16 are merged.
2. Annex A shall be amended by the following additions and changes:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Level</u>
	<u>Square Yards Equivalent (SYE)</u>
9/10	4,300,000
15/16	2,900,000
18/19	4,300,000
22/23	4,600,000
26/27 (except duck)	5,500,000
26 (duck)	2,700,000
50	900,000
52	900,000
62	1,100,000
116/117	200,000
209	3,400,000

3. Paragraph 3 shall be amended as follows:

*For the second agreement year, the limit for

Group I shall be 25,000,000 square yards equivalent, and the limit for Group II shall be 45,000,000 square yards equivalent."

If this proposal is acceptable to the Royal Thai Government, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Royal Thai Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/S/Charles S. Whitehouse

THAILAND NOTE

October 6, 1977

His Excellency
Charles Whitehouse
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of
the United States of America
Bangkok

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 647 dated October 6, 1977 concerning the Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products between Thailand and the United States of America which reads as follows:

(See U.S. note.)

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Royal Thai Government accepts the proposal set forth in the Note quoted above and that Your Excellency's Note and confirmation contained in this Note constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/S/ (Wongse Polnikorn)
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs
In charge of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs