

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Sweden a notification of a new bilateral agreement with Thailand, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 November 1983 to 31 October 1987.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹The previous bilateral agreement and extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/744 and 948.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/953.

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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND
REGARDING EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS
FROM THAILAND TO SWEDEN

ARTICLE 1

The following Agreement has been reached on the basis of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, bearing in mind particularly the article 4 of the said Arrangement, and the provisions of GATT document L 5276.

ARTICLE 2

This agreement shall apply for the periods specified in Annex I.

ARTICLE 3

The Government of Thailand will voluntarily limit exports to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to the levels set out in that Annex. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

ARTICLE 4

- (a) This Agreement shall apply to exports from Thailand to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex I hereof of cotton, wool or man-made fibres; or blend thereof, in which any or all of those fibres in combination represent either the chief value of the fibres or 50 per cent or more by weight (or 17 per cent or more by weight of wool).
- (b) The provisions of this Agreement shall also apply to the products described in Annex I hereof, which are manufactured from impregnated fabrics as defined in Annex II.

ARTICLE 5

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Thai origin, listed in Annex I, only when such imports are covered by Export Certificates as per specimen in Annex III. Such a document shall be issued by the Department of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, be consecutively numbered, state the group number of each item and bear an endorsement that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed levels for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

ARTICLE 6

- (a) If in the period July 1, 1982 to October 31, 1983, the group levels specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of October 6, 1981 extended by the Record of Understanding of April 20, 1983 are not fully utilized, the Government of Thailand may after consultations with the Government of Sweden, during the period November 1, 1983 to October 31, 1984 approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports
- i) are in the same groups where the shortfalls occurred;
 - ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the levels of these groups specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of October 6, 1981
- (b) If in any twelve months period of this Agreement, the group levels specified in Annex I to this Agreement are not fully utilized, the Government of Thailand may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, during the subsequent twelve months period approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports
- i) are in the same group where the shortfalls occurred;
 - ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the levels of these groups for the period during which the shortfalls occurred:

- (c) During each twelve months period of this Agreement, the Government of Thailand may, after consultations with the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group levels specified in Annex I to this Agreement up to 3 percent of these levels (carry forward) for the relevant period. Where specific group levels have been increased by carry forward the Government of Thailand shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding group levels for the subsequent period.
- (d) During each twelve months period of this Agreement, the Government of Thailand may, after consultations with the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group levels specified in Annex I to this Agreement up to 3 per cent (swing) of these levels. Where specific group levels have been increased by swing a corresponding reduction shall be made in one or more of other group levels. For the purpose of calculating swing, the conversion factors in Annex I shall apply.
- (e) During each twelve months period of this Agreement, the additional export quantities resulting from carryover, carry forward and swing taken together shall, for each specific group level, not exceed 3 per cent of the respective agreed level.

ARTICLE 7

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in the Export Certificate had already been reached, or the unused portion of that limit is insufficient to cover the goods specified in the certificate, the said authorities may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit. In this event the Swedish authorities shall inform the Thai authorities as soon as possible. Both parties agree to consult each other within a reasonable period with a view to obtaining a satisfactory solution.

ARTICLE 8

Both parties regard it as essential that exports from Thailand to Sweden of the Textile products listed in Annex I are evenly spaced throughout the period of Agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration is given, as far as possible, to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of Thailand undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

ARTICLE 9

The Government of Thailand will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the group/subgroups and of the weight of the "rest group", listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed Export Certificates for exports to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of Agreement. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the month under reference.

The Government of Sweden will forward to the Government of Thailand monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from Thailand and import licenses issued for such imports of the items listed in Annex I.

ARTICLE 10

The Government of Thailand and the Government of Sweden agree to consult each other, at the request of either party, when any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of Thailand and the Government of Sweden furthermore agree to enter into consultations on the modification or elimination of the limitations before the end of the period of agreement.

ARTICLE 11

The Annexes to this Agreement shall be considered as integral parts of it.

ARTICLE 12

Either Party may at any time denounce this Agreement provided that at least sixty days notice is given. In that event the Agreement shall come to an end on the expiry of the period of notice.

ARTICLE 13

This Agreement has been drawn up in two copies in the English language, each of these texts being equally authentic.

Done in Bangkok on 20th December 1983.

For the Government of Sweden
(Signed)

For the Government of Thailand
(Signed)

ANNEX 1

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM THAILAND TO SWEDEN

(a) Group No	(b) Ex Swedish Statistical Classification No (CCCN)	(c) Description	(d) Unit	(e) Level for period 83.11.01-84.10.31	(f) Level for period 84.11.01-85.10.31	(g) Level for period 85.11.01-86.10.31	(h) Level for period 86.11.01-87.10.31	(i) Conversion factor pieces/kg.
2	60.04.10- 61.03.10-	Shirts	Pieces	769.552	771.860	774.776	776.499	4.2
5	60.05.30-	Sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans etc (including outerwear T-shirts). Knitted or crocheted	Pieces	698.724	696.299	703.959	711.702	6.3
6	60.05.803-4, 809, 812, 815, 84-, 87-, 89- 61.01.003, 004, 006, 10-, 45- 61.02.004, 006, 11- 15-, 99-	Overcoats and jackets	Pieces	445.946	446.676	447.409	448.146	1.3
8	60.05.80-, 83-, 84- 61.01.003, 005, 50- 61.02.005, 60-, 99-	Trousers, other than shorts (including work trousers e g trousers with bib and braces and trousers made of impregnated fabrics)	Pieces	493.425	494.412	495.401	496.391	1.9
9	60.05.60- 61.02.006, 20-, 30-, 40-, 99-	Costumes (including two or three pieces of ladies costumes), dresses and skirts	Pieces	93.840	95.717	97.631	99.584	3.6
10	50.05.80-, 82-, 84- 51.01.006, 50-, 99-	Blouses	Pieces	286.285	289.147	292.039	294.959	6.4
14	62.01.31-, 39, 792-3	Towels and similar articles	Kgs.	101.101	101.202	101.303	101.405	1.0

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	61.03.20-	Wight warr. not knitted or)					
	61.04.10-	crocheted)					
	62.01.all	Travelling rugs and blankets)					
	62.02.11-19-	Bed linen)					
	792-3)					
				Pairs 257.556	261.420	265.341	269.321	27.0

* Sublevel: Stocking etc


ANNEX II

DEFINITION OF "IMPREGNATED FABRICS"

FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 4

1. Fabrics of cotton, wool or man-made fibres or any blend containing one or more of those fibres in which either wool represent 17 per cent or more by weight or any or all of those fibres in combination represent 50 per cent or more by weight of the unfinished fabric shall be defined as "impregnated fabrics" where those fabrics have been impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials whatever the nature of the plastic material (compact, foam, sponge or expanded).
2. The definition does not cover:
 - a) Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or laminating, cannot without fracturing be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15 Deg. Cent and 30 Deg. Cent.
 - b) Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic material or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

ANNEX III

1 Exporter (name, full address)	ORIGINAL	2 No.	
	3 Date year	4 Company / Stamp No.	
5 Consignor (name, full address, country)	 EXPORT CERTIFICATE (TEXTILE PRODUCTS)		
	6 Country of origin THAILAND	7 Country of destination	
8 Place and date of shipment - Means of transport	9 Supplementary details		
10 Marks and numbers - Number and kind of packages - DESCRIPTION OF GOODS		11 Quantity	12 1000 Lbs
		13 CERTIFICATE BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY I, the undersigned, certify that the goods described above originate in Thailand and have been checked against the quantitative limit established for the year shown in line 10 in respect of the company/group shown in line 4 by the provisions regarding rules on textile products with	
14 Competent authority Department of Foreign Trade Ministry of Commerce		ISSUED BY	VALID FOR
		(Signature)	(Date)