

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COM.TEX/SB/1106*

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of a further modification to its bilateral agreement with Thailand, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. ¹ Agreed limits were established for Category 605 pt (sewing thread).

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.

¹The bilateral agreement and a previous modification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/942 and 1105

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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UNITED STATES AND THAILAND AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Thailand exchanged notes in Bangkok to effect amendment to their bilateral textile agreement relating to trade in textiles and textile products. Texts of the notes follows.

UNITED STATES NOTE

Bangkok, 11 December 1984

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and has the honour to refer to the agreement between the United States and the Royal Thai Government relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products effected by exchange of notes dated 27 July and 8 August 1983, as amended, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement". The Embassy also has the honour to refer to consultations between the two governments held in Bangkok on 18 September and 30 October 1984. As a result of the consultations between the two governments, it is the understanding of the Government of the United States that the Royal Thai Government has agreed to the amendment of the Agreement in regard to Category 605 part (sewing thread over 90 cents per pound). In accord with that agreement, the specific limits for Category 605 which shall be incorporated into Annex B, Group One, are:

Category	Unit	28 March- 31 December 1984	Fourth Agreement Year	Fifth Agreement Year
605 part (sewing thread over 90 cents per pound)	Pounds	362,142	508,250	543,828

If the above understanding of the United States Government is correct, this note and the response of the Royal Thai Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

THAI NOTE

Bangkok, 5 February 1985

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and, with reference to the Embassy's Note No.1017 dated 11 December 1984 requesting the Royal Thai Government to confirm the understanding of the Embassy regarding the amendment of the textile agreement between Thailand and the United States in regard to Category 605 part, has the honour to make a clarification as follows:

1. As the Agreement is valid for five years starting from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1987, the export figure of the fourth agreement year mentioned in the Embassy's note i.e. 508,250 should therefore be that of the third agreement year. Accordingly, the amendment should be as follows:

Category	Unit	28 March- 31 December 1984	Third Agreement Year	Fourth Agreement Year	Fifth Agreement Year
605 part	Pounds	362,142	508,250	543,828	581,896

2. It is the understanding of the Ministry of Commerce that the amendment was made in regard to TSUSA No.310.9140 which has been defined as sewing thread, not sewing thread over 90 cents per pound. The TSUSA tariff schedules for textile and apparel categories are enclosed herewith.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its highest consideration.

TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORIES BY TARIFF SCHEDULES
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TEXTILE Category	TSUSA Number	DESCRIPTION	CONVER- SION FACTOR	UNIT OF MEA- SURE
		<u>YARNS: cont'd</u>		
		<u>MAN-MADE FIBER: cont'd</u>		
<u>609</u>		<u>YARN, OTHER: cont'd</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>lb.</u>
		CHIEF VALUE, BUT NOT WHOLLY OF SILK:		
		WHOLLY OF MAN-MADE FIBERS AND NON-CONTINUOUS SILK FIBERS: cont'd		
		SINGLES: cont'd		
		BLEACHED OR COLORED: con't		
	308.6500	Other		
	308.7200	PIED:		
		Not Colored, Measuring Over 29.400 Yds. Per Pound		
	308.7100	Other		
	308.7400	Other		
		OF GLASS:		
	309.9500	Not Colored		
	309.9900	Colored		
		Other:		
	310.8000	Gentile Yarns of Man-Made Fiber		
		FOR HANDWORK AND SEWING THREADS:		
	<u>310.9900</u>	Valued Not Over 90¢ Per Pound		
		VALUED OVER 90¢ PER POUND:		
	310.9120	Yarns Put Up for Handwork		
	310.9140	Sewing Thread		
		<u>CORDAGE OF MAN-MADE FIBER:</u>		
	316.5300	Measuring Under 3/16" In Diameter		
	316.5400	Other		
	349.1060	Elastic Yarns, Cordage, and Tubular Braids With Rubber Core		

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		<u>MAN-MADE FIBER: cont'd</u>		
<u>607</u>		<u>YARN WHOLLY OF CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OTHER: cont'd</u>	<u>11.6</u>	<u>lb.</u>
		<u>PLIED: cont'd</u>		
		WITH TWIST OVER 30 TURNS PER INCH:		
		NOT OVER \$1 PER POUND:		
	310.2030	Of Non-Cellulosic		
	310.2050	Other		
		OVER \$1 PER POUND		
	310.2130	Of Non-Cellulosic		
	310.2150	Other		
<u>603</u>		<u>YARN WHOLLY OF NON-CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OF CELLULOSIC:</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>lb.</u>
	310.4030	Singles		
	310.5037	Plied		
<u>604</u>		<u>YARN WHOLLY OF NON-CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OTHER:</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>lb.</u>
		<u>SINGLES:</u>		
	310.4046	Of Nylon		
	310.4047	Of Polyester		
	310.4027	Of Acrylic		
	310.4050	Other		
		<u>PLIED:</u>		
	310.5046	Of Nylon		
	310.5047	Of Polyester		
	310.5049	Of Acrylic		
	310.5051	Other		
<u>607</u>		<u>YARN, OTHER:</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>lb.</u>
		<u>WHOLE VALUE, BUT NOT WHOLLY OF SILK:</u>		
		<u>WHOLLY OF MAN-MADE FIBERS AND NON-CONTINUOUS SILK FIBERS:</u>		
		<u>SINGLES:</u>		
	308.6000	Not Bleached and Not Colored		
		<u>BLEACHED OR COLORED:</u>		
	307.6000	Not Colored, Measuring Over 53,000 Yards Per Pound		

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UNITED STATES NOTE

Bangkok, 28 February 1985

His Excellency ACM Siddhi Savetsila
 Minister of Foreign Affairs
 Bangkok

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the United States and the Royal Thai Government relating to trade in textiles and textile products effected by exchange of notes dated 27 July and 8 August 1983, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement). I also have the honour to refer to the Royal Thai Government's Note No.0501/8475 dated 5 February 1985.

The Embassy is pleased to report that the Government of the United States agrees to the correction in dates suggested in the Royal Thai Government's Note No.0501/8475. In accordance with the correction the specific limits for Category 605, which shall be incorporated into Annex B, Group One, are:

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If the above understanding of my government is correct, this note and your response on behalf of your government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

THAI NOTE

Bangkok, 25 April 1985

His Excellency Mr. John Gunther Dean
Ambassador of the United States
Bangkok

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Royal Thai Government's Note No.0501/8475 dated 5 February B.E. 2528(1985) and to your note in reply, No.177 dated 28 February 1985 concerning the amendment to the textile agreement between our two countries in regard to Category 605 part (sewing thread over 90 cents per pound).

I have further the honour to confirm on behalf of the Royal Thai Government that the understanding of the Government of the United States, as contained in your above-mentioned Note, is correct and thereby constitutes an amendment to the textile agreement.

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