

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4

#### Bilateral Agreement between Austria and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Austria of a bilateral agreement concluded with Thailand for the period 1 May 1989 to 31 December 1991.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4,<sup>1</sup> has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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Memorandum of Understanding

1. This Memorandum of Understanding, reached during the consultations held in Bangkok on 13-17 February 1989, between the representatives of the Austrian Government headed by Mr. Josef Mayer, Director, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs, and the Royal Thai Government headed by Mrs. Oranuj Osatananda, Director-General, Department of Foreign Trade, sets out the arrangements regarding Thailand's exports of certain textile products to Austria.
2. These arrangements have been made having regard to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended by the Protocol dated 31 July 1986, and in particular the Article 4 of the Arrangement.
3. These arrangements shall apply to Thailand's exports to Austria of the textile products set out in Annex A and B to this Memorandum.
4. These arrangements shall apply for the period 1 May 1989 to 31 December 1991.
5. Thailand shall restrict exports of the products set out in Annex A to the limits as specified in this Annex.
6. For the purpose of these arrangements, Austria shall admit imports of the textile products of Thailand origin set out in Annex A only when such imports are covered by export certificates issued by the competent Thai authorities and endorsed to the effect that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed limits. A specimen of this export certificate is attached as Annex C.
7. The export limits as indicated in Annex A may, after notification, be exceeded by a carry forward and/or carryover of eleven per cent of which carry forward shall not represent more than six per cent.
8. The limit set out in Annex A may, after notification, be increased during the relevant restraint period by up to five per cent provided that a corresponding reduction is applied to the limit for other products during the same restraint period. For the purpose of calculating such corresponding reduction, the conversion factors listed in Annex A shall apply.
9. Austria shall furthermore admit imports of the textile products of Thailand origin as set out in Annex B when such imports are accompanied by a certificate of originals attached in Annex D.
10. In order to avoid hardship to the trade in the products listed in Annex A and B (except products covered by textile agreement between Thailand and Austria concluded on 29 April 1982 extended and modified by exchange of notes of 26 March 1984 and 16 October 1986) shipments from Thailand to Austria will be admitted by Austria without export certificates

or certificates of origin, where appropriate, provided that these shipments are made prior to 1 May 1989 and are cleared by customs 1 August 1989 the latest.

11. As to the products in Category 7 of Annex B both sides agreed that a trigger-level shall be established at 236,000 pieces. The Thai government undertakes to notify the Austrian government when the number of certificates of origin covering these products reach this level.

The Austrian government may, within two weeks of the receipt of the notification, request for consultation and the Thai government shall agree to enter into such consultation within four weeks from the date of the receipt of the request.

Pending a satisfactory solution to the problem the Thai government shall limit its exports to Austria to twenty-five per cent of the said trigger-level. Any amount exported under this provision shall be debited against the restraint level established in these consultations.

12. Export documents as set out in paragraphs 6 and 9 above shall cease to be valid six months after the date of issue for the purpose of presentation to the competent Austrian authorities.

13. Thailand will provide Austria with statistics of the textile products set out in Annex A and B on a quarterly basis.

14. Austria will provide Thailand with quarterly statistics of import licences issued on the basis of the relevant documentation of Thailand.

15. Thailand and Austria agreed to consult at the request of either party, or on any matter arising from the implementation of this agreement. Any consultations held under this paragraph shall be approached by both parties in a spirit of co-operation and with the object of reconciling any differences between them.

16. This Memorandum of Understanding replaces the textile agreement concluded between Thailand and Austria as mentioned in paragraph 10 above.

Done in Bangkok, on 17 February 1989

Mr. Josef Mayer  
Leader of the  
Austrian Delegation

Mrs. Oranuj Osatananda  
Leader of the  
Thai Delegation

NOTE: Annex C and D are not attached

ANNEX A

Products under Quantitative Limits

Product description	Unit	Quantitative limits			Conversion factors
		1 May 1989-31 Dec 1989	Jan-Dec 1990	Jan-Dec 1991	
1. Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of cotton men's and boys' wear, women's and girls' wear. (HS 6203.42, HS 6204.62)	pcs	300,000	465,750	482,051	1.76 pcs/kg.
2. Pullover and similar articles knitted or crocheted of cotton or man-made fibres. (HS 6110.20, HS 6110.30)	tons	280	434.7	449.9	4.53 pcs/kg.

ANNEX B

	<u>Product description</u>	<u>HS Code</u>
3.	Knitted or crocheted track suits of cotton and/or synthetic fibres.	6112.11, 6112.12
4.	Woven blouses of cotton and/or man-made fibres, women's and girls' wear.	6206.30, 6206.40
5.	Woven shirts of cotton and/or man-made fibres.	6205.20, 6205.30
6.	Woven dresses, skirts and divided skirts of cotton and/or synthetic fibres	6204.42, 6204.43 6204.52, 6204.53
7.	Woven coats of cotton and/or of man-made fibres including anoraks and wind-jackets women's and girls' wear; jackets of cotton and/or synthetic fibres.	6202.12, 6202.13 6202.92, 6202.93 6204.32, 6204.33
8.	Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of synthetic fibres men's and boys' wear, women's and girls' wear	6203.43, 6204.63

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