

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:8

Agreement on Extension of Restraints for a Twelve-Month Period

United States/Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an agreement on the extension of restraints on Categories 313 (cotton sheeting) and 315 (cotton printcloth) for an additional twelve-month period ending 30 March 1991. The extension of these restraints was agreed under Article 3:8 of the MFA.¹ In the absence of an agreement on a similar extension for Category 638/639, the United States invoked the provisions of paragraph 8 of the 1986 Protocol.

The TSB, in accordance with its procedures regarding notifications made under Article 3,² has examined the relevant documentation and has agreed to forward to participating countries the pertinent extracts of the notification relating to the agreed extension.

¹At its second meeting of 1990, the TSB after its review under Article 3:5, had found that market disruption had been demonstrated with respect to Categories 313 and 315. (COM.TEX/SB/1542)

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex A

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

United States Note

26 March 1990

The Department of State refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973 and extended by Protocol on 31 July 1986 (the Arrangement) and to the Secretary of State's Notes dated 31 March 1989 regarding the request for consultations on imports from Thailand of cotton sheeting in Category 313, cotton printcloth in Category 315, and men's and women's man-made fibre knit shirts and blouses in Category 638/639. Following the request for consultations the following restraint levels were imposed for the period 31 March 1989-30 March 1990.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Limit</u>
313	11,712,810 square metres
315	15,375,452 square metres
638/639	1,722,290 dozen

In view of the recent Textile Surveillance Body findings of market disruption on Categories 313 and 315, and your acceptance of the current levels on Category 638/639, and in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, paragraph 8 of the Arrangement, paragraph 8 of the Protocol and paragraphs 3 and 5 of Annex B of the Arrangement, the Government of the United States requests concurrence by the Government of Thailand to renew the restraints for Categories 313, 315 and 638/639 for an additional twelve months. The period of control would be 31 March 1990-30 March 1991 at the levels shown below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Limit</u>
313	12,415,579 square metres
315	16,297,979 square metres
638/639	1,773,959 dozen

The Government of the United States requests acceptance by the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand of the renewal of the categories at the levels shown above.

In the absence of agreement by the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand to the above request, the Government of the United States will find it necessary to invoke the provisions of paragraph 8 of the 1986 Protocol of Extension. In view of the procedures to be followed in such cases, a reply is requested no later than 29 March 1990.

Thailand Note

29 March 1990

We are in receipt of your letter of 26 March 1990 requesting for the renewal of restraints for Categories 313, 315 and 638/639 for an additional period of twelve months at the levels indicated below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Limit</u>
313	12,415,579 square metres
315	16,297,979 square metres
638/639	1,773,959 dozen

We should like to confirm our acceptance of your request to renew Categories 313, 315. However, the restraint for Category 638/639 cannot be accepted unless a growth rate of 6 per cent is accorded.

Relevant Extract of the United States Note

30 March 1990

The Department of State refers to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, (the Arrangement) and to the Protocol of Extension dated 31 July 1986, (the Protocol). The Department further refers to the United States Embassy in Bangkok's Note of 26 March 1990 regarding renewal of the restraints on categories 313, 315 and 638/639, and the response of 29 March from the Government of Thailand's Ministry of Commerce.

The Government of the United States appreciates the Government of Thailand's acceptance of the proposed levels for Categories 313 and 315.

To confirm, following are the restraint levels extended for the period 31 March 1990-30 March 1991:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Limit</u>
313	12,415,579 square metres
315	16,297,979 square metres

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