

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COM.TEX/SB/1772*

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between the EEC and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the EEC of an extension with modifications of its agreement with Thailand for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications received under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹ The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1277, 1278, 1339, 1496, 1564 and 1660.

² See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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**AGREEMENT
IN THE FORM OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AMENDING THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
ON TRADE IN TEXTILE PRODUCTS**

Letter Number One

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the consultations held on 7-9 October 1991 between our respective delegations for the purpose of amending the Agreement on trade in textile products between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Thailand, initialled on 28 June 1986 and applied since 1 January 1987.

2. As a result of these consultations, both parties agreed to amend Article 18, paragraph 1 and Protocol F of the above Agreement so as to extend the period of application of all the provisions of the Agreement for one more year, i.e., until 31 December 1992. Consequently, the parties also agreed to amend Annex II and Protocol E of the Agreement as regards the quantitative limits for exports from Thailand to the Community of the textile products referred thereto for the year 1992. The modified Annex II and Protocol E are appended to this letter (Appendix I and Appendix 2).

3. The parties also agreed that as regards Article 14, paragraph 3 of the Agreement, the percentage of inter-regional transfers for the year 1992 is fixed at 40 per cent.

It is understood that if as a result of the application of the above percentage serious difficulties, following significant changes in the pattern of trade, occur in certain regions of the Community, both parties shall hold consultations without delay with a view to reviewing the situation.

4. Both parties agreed that this extension of the Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1992 and shall remain in force until 31 December 1992. The parties agreed that this Agreement shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 1992.

5. I should be obliged if you would kindly confirm the acceptance of your Government to the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Council
of the European Communities

Appendix I

ANNEX II

(the full product descriptions of the categories listed in this annex are to be found in annex I of the Agreement)

Community Quantitative Limits

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1992</u>
2	tonnes	10,936
of which 2 a)	tonnes	2,847
3 (1)	tonnes	19,751*
of which 3 a)	tonnes	5,190
4	1,000 pieces	21,673
5	1,000 pieces	15,348
6	1,000 pieces	4,323
7	1,000 pieces	5,198
8	1,000 pieces	2,813
10 (1)	1,000 pairs	13,300
12	1,000 pairs	16,053
21	1,000 pieces	6,778
22	tonnes	2,451
24 (1)	1,000 pieces	3,596
26	1,000 pieces	3,949
73	1,000 pieces	2,302

Note: The number in brackets is a reference to the footnotes in Annex II of the Agreement for the appropriate Category respectively.

ANNEX II (continued)

(the full product descriptions of the categories listed in this annex are to be found in annex I of the Agreement)

Regional Quantitative Limits

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>		<u>1992</u>
1	tonnes	IT	5,797
16	1,000 pieces	UK	172
20	tonnes	F	1,906
29	1,000 pieces	UK	241
37	tonnes	IT	4,488
74	1,000 pieces	UK	28
		IRL	32
75	1,000 pieces	F	222

Appendix 2

ANNEX TO PROTOCOL E

(the full product descriptions of the categories listed in this annex are to be found in annex I of the Agreement)

OPT QUOTAS

Year: 1992

Community Limits

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	
7	1,000 pieces	172
21	1,000 pieces	293
26	1,000 pieces	141

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in the form of Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement
between the European Economic Community
and the Kingdom of Thailand on trade in textile products

Letter Number Two

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
9 October 1991, which reads as follows:

"Letter Number One"

I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with
the contents of your letter.

For the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

Exchange of Notes

The Directorate General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities presents its compliments to the Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the European Communities and has the honour to refer to the Agreement in textile products between Thailand and the Community and initialled on 28 June 1986 and applied since 1 January 1987, as extended by the exchange of letters initialled on 9 October 1991.

The Directorate General wishes to confirm to the Mission of Thailand that whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and the coming into force of the extended Agreement, the Community is prepared to allow the provisions of the Agreement to apply de facto from 1 January 1992. This is on the understanding that either party may at any time terminate this de facto application of the extended Agreement provided that 120 days' notice is given.

The Directorate General for External Relations would be grateful if the Mission of Thailand would confirm its agreement to the foregoing.

The Directorate General for External Relations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the European Communities the assurance of its highest consideration.

Exchange of Notes

The Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the European Communities presents its compliments to the Directorate General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities and has the honour to refer to the Agreement in textile products negotiated between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Community, initialled on 28 June 1986 and applied since 1 January 1987, as extended by the exchange of letters initialled on 9 October 1991.

The Mission wishes to inform the Directorate General that whilst awaiting the completion of the necessary procedures for the conclusion and the coming into force of the extended Agreement, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand is prepared to allow the provisions of the extended Agreement to apply de facto from 1 January 1992 if the Community is disposed to do likewise. This is on the understanding that either party may at any time terminate this de facto application of the extended Agreement provided that 120 days' notice is given.

The Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate General for External Relations the assurance of its highest consideration.

Commission of the European Communities

20 May 1992

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NOTE VERBALE

The Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities presents its compliments to the Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the European Communities and has the honour to refer to the Agreement on trade in textile products between Thailand and the Community initialled on 28 June 1986, as extended by Exchange of Letters initialled on 8 October 1991.

The Directorate-General refers to paragraph 6 of the Agreed Minute of 21 April 1988 and informs the Mission that due to a technical error the agreed figure for the regional UK limit for category 29 has not been taken into account. Therefore the Directorate-General suggests to amend Annex II (Regional quantitative limits) of the Exchange of Letters. It should read as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1992</u>
29	1,000 pieces	UK: 207

The Directorate-General would appreciate if the Mission could confirm this correction as soon as possible.

The Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the European Communities the assurances of its highest consideration.

Brussels

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Mission of Thailand

No. 1103/2535

The Mission of Thailand to the European Communities presents its compliments to the Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities and has the honour to refer to the Agreement on trade in textile products between Thailand and the Community initialled on 28 June 1986 as extended by exchange of letters initialled on 8 October 1991, and also to the Directorate-General's Note Verbale No. 007755 of 20 May 1992.

The Mission wishes to inform the Directorate-General that the Amendment to Annex II (Regional Quantitative Limits) of the Exchange of Letters on the UK quota for the Thai textile products in category 29 in 1992 as follows:

Category	Unit		1992
29	1,000 pcs.	UK:	207

is acceptable to Thailand.

The Mission of Thailand to the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities the assurances of its highest consideration.

Brussels, 7 July 1992

Directorate-General for External Relations
Commission of the European Communities
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