

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1801*

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification¹ from the United States of amendments of its agreement with Thailand.

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

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1649.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

Embassy of the United States of America**No. 576**

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and has the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, as extended. The Embassy also refers to the agreement relating to trade in cotton, wool, man-made fibre, non-cotton vegetable fibre and silk-blend textiles and textile products between the Royal Thai Government and the Government of the United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington dated 3 September 1991 (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).

The Embassy further refers to consultations between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Thai Government in Washington, 14-15 May 1992, concerning the establishment of an appropriate level of restraint for exports of products from Thailand in Category 669-P (woven man-made fibre bags) to the United States, and regarding the Royal Thai Government's request for an adjustment in the 1991, 1992 and 1993 specific limits for Category 359-H/659-H (cotton and man-made fibre headwear).

As a result of understandings reached between representatives of our two governments during these consultations, the Embassy has the honour to propose the following amendments to the agreement:

I. Group I in Annex B shall be amended to include the following specific limits for Category 669-P. The agreed upon specific limit for the 1992 agreement year of four million kilogrammes shall be prorated to cover the restraint period 25 March 1992 through 31 December 1992 only. Swing, carryover and carry forward for this category shall be as stated in the agreement.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>25/3/92-31/12/92</u>	<u>1993</u>
669-P	Kg	3,081,967	4,240,000

II. The specific limits for Category 359-H/659-H within Group II in Annex B shall be amended with the following base limits:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
359-H/659-H	Kg	877,415	930,060	985,864

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Royal Thai Government, this note and your Government's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

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

Bangkok, 28 May 1992

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Saranrom Palace
Bangkok

No. 0502/38603

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the agreement relating to trade in cotton, wool, man-made fibre, non-cotton vegetable fibre and silk-blend textiles and textile products between the Government of the United States and the Royal Thai Government, effected by exchange of letters in Washington dated 3 September 1991 (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) and the Embassy's Note. No. 576 dated 28 May 1992 proposing the amendments to the said Agreement in accordance with the result of understandings reached between representatives of the two governments during the consultations in 14-15 May 1992.

The Ministry has the further honour to inform the Embassy that such proposal is acceptable to the Government of Thailand and to confirm that this Note and the Embassy's Note under reference shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement as proposed.

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

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Saranrom Palace,
25 June B.E. 2535 (1992)

The Embassy of the United States
of America
Bangkok