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## Addendum

## THAILAND

While many countries, both developed and developing countries, have imposed various forms of restrictions, trade restrictions in Thailand are very liberal. Regarding the import trade, with very few exceptions, most goods can be freely imported into the country and the importers may apply for the necessary foreign exchanges with no difficulty. The Government has successively liberalized import control, and at present only about thirty items of commodities are under control, such as sugar, tea and coffee. The main objective of import restriction is to promote and protect domestic industries. However, it is the Government's policy to provide reasonable protection to domestic industries at the initial stages through customs tariffs rather than import control.