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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Bilateral agreement between the United States and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a bilateral agreement concluded with Thailand for the period 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1993.¹

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

¹The previous bilateral agreement and modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/942, 1105, 1106, 1197, 1248 and 1320. The agreement expired on 31 December 1988. An agreement on two products notified under Article 3:4 is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1543.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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**The United States Trade Representative
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20506**

UNITED STATES LETTER

3 September, 1991

His Excellency
Amaret Sila-On
Minister of Commerce

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, as extended (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement).

I also refer to the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Bangkok, Thailand, 28 June 1991, following discussions between representatives of the Royal Thai Government and the Government of the United States of America in Washington, D.C. from 16-18 April 1991, in Phuket, Thailand, 24-26 June 1991, and in Bangkok, Thailand, 27-28 June 1991, concerning trade in cotton, wool, man-made fibre, non-cotton vegetable fibre and silk-blend textiles and textile products of Thailand exported to the United States. As a result of these discussions, I propose on behalf of the Government of the United States under Article 4 and in conformity with the Arrangement, the following 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.

Agreement Term

1. The term of this Agreement will be the period from 1 January 1991 through 31 December 1993. Each "Agreement Period" or "Agreement Year" shall be a twelve-month period from 1 January of a given year to 31 December of the same year.

Coverage

2. (A) The textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement are those summarized in Annex A. Textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement shall be classified in two groups as follows:

- (i) Yarn, fabric, made-ups and miscellaneous textile products of cotton, wool, man-made fibre, silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre (Categories 200-229, 300-326, 360-369, 400-414, 464-469, 600-629, 665-670, 800-810 and 863-899)

(ii) Apparel textile products of cotton, wool, man-made fibre, silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre (Categories 237, 239, 330-359, 431-459, 630-659 and 831-859).

(B) (1) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square meters equivalent (SME) listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement, except as provided for in paragraph 2(B)(2).

(2) For the purpose of this Agreement the categories below are merged as indicated and treated as single categories, with limits for categories and sub-categories as set out in Annex B.

<u>Categories Merged</u>	<u>Designation in the Agreement</u>	<u>Sub-categories</u>
313, 314, 315	313/314/315	313 314 315
317, 326	317/326	.....
331, 631	331/631	.....
334, 634	334/634	.....
335, 635, 835	335/635/835	.....
336, 636	336/636	.....
338, 339	338/339	.....
341, 641	341/641	.....
342, 642	342/642	.....
347, 348, 847	347/348/847	.....
351, 651	351/651	.....
359-H, 659-H	359-H/659-H	.....
613, 614, 615	613/614/615	614 613/615
625, 626, 627, 628, 629	625/6/7/8/9	625
638, 639	638/639	.....
645, 646	645/646	.....
647, 648	647/648	.....

For purposes of computing limits and charges to limits, the rates of conversion for individual categories set out in Annex A shall be applied, except as stated below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Conversion factor</u>
359-H/659-H	11.5
638/639	12.96

The following category has a sub-category:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Sub-Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
604	604-A	(Plied Acrylic Spun Yarn)

(3) For purposes of this Agreement the following categories are divided into part categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Designation in The Agreement</u>	<u>Description</u>
301	301-P	C.W.C. combed yarn, less than 85 per cent cotton
301	301-O	C.W.C. combed yarn, 85 per cent or more cotton
359	359-H	Cotton headwear
359	359-O	Other cotton apparel, N.E.S.
369	369-D	Cotton dish towels
369	369-S	Cotton short towels
369	369-O	Other cotton made-ups, N.E.S.
604	604-A	Plied acrylic spun yarn
604	604-O	Other staple fibre yarn, 85 per cent or more synthetic
659	659-H	Man-made fibre headwear
659	659-O	Other man-made fibre apparel, N.E.S.

C.W.C. -- Chief weight cotton

N.E.S. -- Not elsewhere specified

Specific Limits

3. Commencing with the first Agreement Period and during each subsequent term of this Agreement, the Royal Thai Government shall limit exports to the United States of cotton, wool, man-made fibre, silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre textiles and textile products of Thailand to the Group Limit and Specific Limits set out in Annex B, as it may be amended under paragraph 4, and as such Group Limit and Specific Limits may be adjusted in accordance with paragraphs 5, 6 and/or 19.

Consultation Mechanism

4. (A) In the event that the Government of the United States of America believes that imports from Thailand classified in any category or categories not covered by specific limits are, due to market disruption or the threat thereof, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade between the two countries, the Government of the United States of America may request consultations with the Royal Thai Government with a view to

easing or avoiding such market disruption. The Government of the United States of America will provide the Royal Thai Government at the time of the request with the data which in the view of the Government of the United States of America shows:

- (1) The existence of market disruption, or the threat thereof, and
- (2) The rôle of exports from Thailand in that disruption.

(B) The Royal Thai Government agrees to consult with the Government of the United States of America within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request for consultations. Both governments agree to make every effort to reach agreement on a mutually satisfactory resolution of the issue within ninety (90) days of the receipt of such request, unless this period is extended by mutual agreement.

(C) If no mutually satisfactory solution is reached during these consultations, the Government of the United States of America may establish a specific limit for the duration of this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 4(D) for shipments in the category or categories concerned exported on and after the date on which the request for consultations was made. This limit will not be less than the amount of imports, as reported in U.S. General Imports Statistics, which were entered during the first 12 of the most recent 14 months preceding the month in which the request for consultations was made, plus 15.5 per cent for cotton, man-made fibre, silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre categories, and six (6) per cent for wool product categories.

(D) If a specific limit is established under paragraph 4(C) in the course of an Agreement Year, it will be prorated to correspond to the time period between the date of the request for consultations and the expiration date of the existing Agreement Year. Any flexibility available during this period will be calculated on this prorated limit. Carryover and carry forward will be available as set out in the relevant paragraph of the Agreement. Carryover will not be available in the first Agreement Period following the request for consultations. Swing for non-apparel specific limits established under this paragraph will be available as set out in paragraph 5(B) of this Agreement. New apparel specific limits may be exceeded by seven (7) per cent swing for cotton, man-made fibre, silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre categories and five (5) per cent swing for wool categories, subject to the apparel group limit. For the second and each succeeding Agreement Year, specific limits established under paragraph 4(C) will be increased by six (6) per cent annual growth for cotton, man-made fibre, silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre products, and by one (1) per cent for wool products.

Flexibility Adjustments

5. (A) There is no swing into nor out of the Group II limit, however, apparel specific limits in Annex B may be exceeded by 3.5 per cent, subject to the Group II limit. Apparel specific limits established under paragraph 4 of this Agreement will have swing as set out in paragraph 4(D).

(B) Any non-apparel specific limit or sub-limit set out in Annex B and any non-apparel specific limit established pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Agreement may be exceeded by no more than seven (7) per cent swing (five (5) per cent for wool categories), provided that the amount of the increase is compensated for by an equal square meter equivalent decrease in another specific limit within the same group.

(C) In any Agreement Year the following special shifts may be allowed:

- Category 613/614/615 may be increased by up to 10 per cent from Category 313/314/315.
- Up to 15 per cent special shift calculated in dozens between Categories 338/339 and 638/639.
- Up to 10 per cent special shift between Categories 347/348/847 and 647/648.

Swing and special shifts are calculated against the base limit of the receiving category.

(D) The Royal Thai Government will notify the Government of the United States of America of its intention to use any available swing or special shift and, when applicable, of the category or categories to be decreased accordingly.

Carryover and Carry forward

6. (A) In addition to adjustments under paragraph 5, in any Agreement Year, exports may exceed by a maximum of 11 per cent, the apparel group limit and any category specific limit or sub-limit (as specified in Annex B) by allocating to such limit for that Agreement Year an unused portion ("shortfall") of the corresponding limit for the previous Agreement Year ("carryover") or a portion of the corresponding limit for the succeeding Agreement Year ("carry forward"), subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Carryover may be used as available up to 11 per cent of the receiving Agreement Year's applicable group or specific limit. No carryover is available in the first Agreement Year;
- (ii) The combination of carryover and carry forward shall not exceed 11 per cent of the receiving Agreement Year's applicable group or specific limit in any Agreement Year;
- (iii) Carry forward may be used up to six (6) per cent of the receiving Agreement Year's applicable group or specific limit. The immediately following Agreement Year's corresponding limit will be adjusted downward by the amount of carry forward used. No carry forward shall be available in the last Agreement Year.
- (iv) The Royal Thai Government will notify the Government of the United States of America when it wishes to apply carryover or carry forward.

(B) For purposes of the Agreement, a shortfall occurs when exports of textiles or textile products from Thailand to the United States of America during an Agreement Year (plus charges for overshipments made in the preceding years) are below any applicable non-apparel specific limit and sub-limit or below any applicable apparel specific limit and the apparel group limit set out in Annex B, as decreased pursuant to paragraph 5 or adjusted downward for overshipments or other mutually agreed upon amendments. In the Agreement Year following the shortfall, such exports from Thailand to the United States of America may be permitted to exceed the applicable group or specific limit, subject to conditions set forth above, by carryover of shortfall in the following manner:

(i) The carryover shall not exceed the amount of shortfall in either the apparel group limit or any applicable specific limit and sub-limit;

(ii) In the case of shortfall in a category subject to a specific limit or sub-limit, the shortfall shall be used in the category in which the shortfall occurred.

Classification

7. (A) Tops, yarns, piece goods, made-up articles, garments, and other textile manufactured products (being products which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components) of cotton, wool, man-made fibres, silk blends, non-cotton vegetable fibres, or blends thereof, in which any or all of these fibres in combination represent the chief weight of the product, are subject to this Agreement. Components of an article which are not considered relevant to the classification under the General Rules of Interpretation or the Legal Notes to Section XI of the Harmonized System are likewise to be disregarded here.

(B) For the purposes of this Agreement, textile products covered by sub-paragraph (A) above shall be classified as:

(i) Man-made fibre textiles, if the product is in chief weight of man-made fibres, unless:

(a) The product is knitted or crocheted apparel in which wool equals or exceeds 23 per cent by weight of all fibres, in which case the product will be a wool textiles; or

(b) The product is apparel, not knitted or crocheted, in which wool equals or exceeds 36 per cent by weight of all fibres; in which case the product will be a wool textile;

(c) The product is a woven fabric in which wool equals or exceeds 36 per cent by weight of all fibres, in which case the product will be a wool textile.

(ii) Cotton textiles, if not covered by (i) and if the product is in chief weight of cotton, unless the product is a woven fabric in which wool equals or exceeds 36 per cent by weight of all fibres, in which case the product will be a wool textile.

(iii) Wool textiles, if neither of the foregoing applies, and the product is in chief weight of wool.

(iv) Silk blend or non-cotton vegetable fibre textiles, if none of the foregoing applies and the product is in chief weight of silk or non-cotton vegetable fibre, unless:

(a) Cotton with wool and/or man-made fibres in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 per cent by weight of the component fibres thereof and the cotton component equals or exceeds the weight of each of the total wool and/or man-made fibre components, in which case the product will be a cotton textile.

(b) If not covered by (iv) (a) and wool exceeds 17 per cent by weight of all component fibres, in which case the product will be considered a wool textile.

(c) If not covered by (iv) (a) or (b) and man-made fibres in combination with cotton and/or wool in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 per cent by weight of the component fibres thereof and the man-made fibre component exceeds the weight of the total wool and/or total cotton component, in which case the product will be considered a man-made fibre textile.

(C) Notwithstanding the above, garments which contain 70 per cent or more by weight silk (unless they also contain over 17 per cent by weight wool), and products other than garments which contain 85 per cent or more by weight silk, are not subject to this Agreement. Silk blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre sweaters, as determined above, shall be divided into "silk blend" sweaters and "non-cotton vegetable fibres" sweaters. For the purposes of this provision sweaters shall be classified as "silk blend" if the silk component exceeds by weight the non-cotton vegetable fibre component (if any). Sweaters not classified as "silk blend" sweaters in accordance with the foregoing shall be classified as "non-cotton vegetable fibre" sweaters. Garments containing 70 per cent or more by weight silk and over 17 per cent by weight wool shall be classified as wool textiles, under subparagraph (B) (iv) (b).

(D) Coverage under this paragraph is intended to be identical with the terms of the Arrangement and in conformance with the 31 July 1986, Protocol of Extension. In the event of a question regarding whether a product is covered by this Agreement by virtue of being in chief weight of cotton, wool, man-made fibre, silk blend, or non-cotton vegetable fibre, the chief value of the fibres may be considered.

Mutually Satisfactory
Administrative Arrangements

8. Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this Agreement, including differences in points of procedure or operation.

Exchange of Data

9. (A) The Government of the United States shall promptly supply the Royal Thai Government with data on monthly imports of cotton, wool, man-made fibre, silk blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre textiles and textile products of Thailand into the United States.

(B) The Royal Thai Government shall promptly supply the Government of the United States with data on monthly exports of cotton, man-made fibre, wool, silk blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre textiles and textile products of Thailand to the United States.

Spacing Provisions

10. The Royal Thai Government shall use its best efforts to space exports of its products to the United States within each category evenly throughout each Agreement Year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

Consultations in Case of Inequity
Vis-a-vis a Third Country

11. If the Royal Thai Government considers that as a result of limitations specified in this Agreement, it is being placed in an inequitable position in relation to a third country, the Royal Thai Government may request consultations with the Government of the United States with a view to taking appropriate remedial actions, such as a reasonable modification of this Agreement.

Article 3 Procedures

12. For the duration of this Agreement, the Government of the United States of America shall not invoke the procedures of Article 3 of the Arrangement to request restraint on the export of cotton, wool, man-made fibre, silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement from Thailand to the United States of America. Each Government reserves its rights under the Arrangement with respect to textiles and textile products not subject to this Agreement.

Implementation
of the Limitation Provisions

13. The Royal Thai Government shall administer its export control system under the Agreement. The Government of the United States may assist the Royal Thai Government in implementing the limitation provisions of this Agreement by controlling, by the date of export, imports of textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement.

Exemptions from Agreement

14. In conformity with Article 12, paragraph (3) of the Arrangement, this Agreement shall not apply to exports of handloom fabrics of the cottage industry of Thailand, or handmade cottage industry products made of such

handloom fabrics in Thailand, or to folklore handicraft textile products traditional to Thailand, provided that such products are properly certified under arrangements established between the two Governments pursuant to paragraph 8 of this Agreement and the 16 August 1976 exchange of letters between the two Governments regarding certification of exempt items.

Visa and Exempt Certification Arrangements

15. The exempt certification system referred to in paragraph 14 and the export visa arrangement established by the exchange of letters dated 7 September and 16 September 1982, as amended, and as extended by letters of 17 November 1988, shall be continued unchanged until they can be updated and modernized to reflect the coverage and structure of this Agreement, and modern standard language and procedures.

Conforming Clause

16. Either Government may request consultations with a view to bringing the provisions of this Agreement and any subsequent amendment thereof into conformity with the Arrangement (and any extension thereof) or with any subsequent international régime for textile trade modifying, extending or replacing the Arrangement.

Consultation on Implementation Questions

17. The Government of the United States and the Royal Thai Government each agree to consult upon the request of the other on any question arising in the implementation of this Agreement.

Right to Propose Revisions to the Agreement

18. The Government of the United States and the Royal Thai Government may at any time propose revisions to the terms of this Agreement. Each agrees to consult promptly with the other about such proposals with a view to making such revisions to this Agreement, or taking such other appropriate action as may be mutually agreed upon.

Overshipment Charges

19. (A) Products of Thailand shipped in excess of authorized limits in any Agreement Period may be denied entry into the United States. Any such shipments denied entry may be permitted into the United States and charged to the applicable group or specific limit in the succeeding Agreement Year.

(B) Products of Thailand shipped in excess of applicable limits in any Agreement Period will, if allowed entry into the United States during that Agreement Period, be charged to the applicable limit in the succeeding Agreement Period.

(C) Any action taken pursuant to sub-paragraph 19 (A) and 19 (B) above, will not prejudice the rights of the other side regarding consultations.

Cooperation Against Fraud and Circumvention

20. In conformity with Article 8 of the Arrangement, Thailand and the United States of America shall cooperate to avoid circumvention of the Agreement.

Right to Terminate the Agreement

21. Either Government may terminate this Agreement, effective at the end of an Agreement Year, by written notice to the other Government, to be given at least 90 days prior to the end of such Agreement Year.

If the foregoing conforms with the understanding of the Royal Thai Government this letter and your Excellency's letter of confirmation on behalf of the Royal Thai Government shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Carla A. Hills

Enclosure: Annex A and B

ANNEX A (2)

Harmonized Commodity Code Listings

Categories numbered in the:

- 200 series are of cotton and/or man-made fibre.
- 300 series are of cotton.
- 400 series are of wool.
- 600 series are of man-made fibre.
- 800 series are of silk blends or other non-cotton vegetable fibres.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit</u>
<u>Yarn</u>			
Cotton and Man-Made Fibre:			
200	Yarns, put up for retail sale and sewing thread	6.6	kg.
201	Speciality yarns	6.5	kg.
Cotton:			
300	Carded yarns, cotton	8.5	kg.
301	Combed yarns, cotton	8.5	kg.
Wool:			
400	Wool yarn	3.7	kg.
Man-Made Fibre:			
600	Textured filament yarns	6.5	kg.
603	Yarn containing 85% or more by weight artificial staple fibre	6.3	kg.
604	Yarn containing 85% or more by weight synthetic staple fibre	7.6	kg.
606	Non-textured filament	20.1	kg.
607	Other staple fibre yarn	6.5	kg.
Silk-Blend and Non-Cotton Vegetable Fibre:			
800	Silk-blend or non-cotton vegetable fibre yarn	8.5	kg
<u>Fabric</u>			
Cotton and Man-Made Fibre:			
218	Of yarns of different colours	1.0	m ²
219	Duck	1.0	m ²
220	Fabric of special weave	1.0	m ²
222	Knit fabric	12.3	kg.
223	Non-woven fabrics	14.0	kg.
224	Pile and tufted fabrics	1.0	m ²
225	Blue denim	1.0	m ²
226	Cheesecloth, batistes, lawns or voiles	1.0	m ²
227	Oxford cloth	1.0	m ²
229	Special purpose fabric	13.6	kg.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Cotton:			
313	Sheeting	1.0	m ²
314	Poplin and broadcloth	1.0	m ²
315	Printcloth	1.0	m ²
317	Twills	1.0	m ²
326	Sateens	1.0	m ²
Wool:			
410	Woven fabrics containing 36% or more by weight wool	1.0	m ²
414	Other wool fabrics	2.8	kg.
Man-Made Fibre:			
611	Woven man-made fibre fabrics containing 85% or more by weight artificial staple fibres	1.0	m ²
613	Sheeting	1.0	m ²
614	Poplin and broadcloth	1.0	m ²
615	Printcloth	1.0	m ²
617	Twills and sateens	1.0	m ²
618	Woven artificial filament fabric	1.0	m ²
619	Polyester filament fabric, less than 170 Gr. per M2.	1.0	m ²
620	Other synthetic filament fabric	1.0	m ²
621	Impression fabric	14.0	kg.
622	Glass fibre fabric	1.0	m ²
624	Woven man-made fibre fabric, containing more than 15% but less than 36% wool	1.0	m ²
Staple /filament combination:			
625	Poplin and broadcloth	1.0	m ²
626	Printcloth	1.0	m ²
627	Sheeting	1.0	m ²
628	Twills and sateens	1.0	m ²
629	Other MMF	1.0	m ²
Silk-Blend and Non-Cotton Vegetable Fibre:			
810	Woven fabric of silk-blends and non-cotton vegetable fibre	1.0	m ²
<u>Apparel</u>			
Cotton and Man-Made Fibre:			
237	Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.,	19.2	Doz
239	Infants' apparel	6.3	kg.
Cotton:			
330	Handkerchiefs	1.4	Doz
331	Gloves and mittens	2.9	Dpr
332	Hosiery	3.8	Dpr

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit</u>
333	M and B suit-type coats	30.3	Doz
334	Other M and B coats	34.5	Doz
335	W and G coats	34.5	Doz
336	Dresses	37.9	Doz
338	M and B knit shirts	6.0	Doz
339	W and G knit shirts and blouses	6.0	Doz
340	M and B shirts, not knit	20.1	Doz
341	W and G shirts and blouses, not knit	12.1	Doz
342	Skirts	14.9	Doz
345	Sweaters	30.8	Doz
347	M and B trousers, slacks and shorts	14.9	Doz
348	W and G trousers, slacks and shorts	14.9	Doz
349	Brassières and body supporting garments	4.0	Doz
350	Dressing gowns, etc.	42.6	Doz
351	Nightwear and pajamas	43.5	Doz
352	Underwear	9.2	Doz
353	M and B down-filled coats	34.5	Doz
354	W and G down-filled coats	34.5	Doz
Wool:			
359	Other cotton apparel	8.5	kg.
431	Gloves and mittens	1.8	Dpr
432	Hosiery	2.3	Dpr
433	M and B suit-type coats	30.1	Doz
434	Other M and B coats	45.1	Doz
435	W and G coats	45.1	Doz
436	Dresses	41.1	Doz
438	Knit shirts and blouses	12.5	Doz
439	Infants' wear	6.3	kg.
440	Shirts and blouses, not knit	20.1	Doz
442	Skirts	15.0	Doz
443	M and B suits	3.76	Nos
444	W and G suits	3.76	Nos
445	M and B sweaters	12.4	Doz
446	W and G sweaters	12.4	Doz
447	M and B trousers, slacks and shorts	15.0	Doz
448	W and G trousers, slacks and shorts	15.0	Doz
459	Other wool apparel	3.7	kg.
Man-Made Fibre:			
630	Handkerchiefs	1.4	Doz
631	Gloves and mittens	2.9	Dpr
632	Hosiery	3.8	Dpr
633	M and B suit-type coats	30.3	Doz
634	Other M and B coats	34.5	Doz
635	W and G coats	34.5	Doz
636	Dresses	37.9	Doz
638	M and B knit shirts	15.0	Doz
639	W and G knit shirts and blouses	12.5	Doz
640	M and B shirts, not knit	20.1	Doz
641	W and G shirts and blouses, not knit	12.1	Doz
642	Skirts	14.9	Doz

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit</u>
643	M and B suits	3.76	Nos
644	W and G suits	3.76	Nos
645	M and B sweaters	30.8	Doz
646	W and G sweaters	30.8	Doz
647	M and B trousers, slacks and shorts	14.9	Doz
648	W and G trousers, slacks and shorts	14.9	Doz
649	Brassières and body supporting garments	4.0	Doz
650	Dressing gowns, etc.	42.6	Doz
651	Nightwear and pajamas	43.5	Doz
652	Underwear	13.4	Doz
653	M and B down-filled coats	34.5	Doz
654	W and G down-filled coats	34.5	Doz
659	Other man-made fibre apparel	14.4	kg.
<u>Silk-Blends and Non-Cotton Vegetable Fibre:</u>			
831	Gloves and Mittens	2.9	Dpr
832	Hosiery	3.8	Dpr
833	M and B suit-type coats	30.3	Doz
834	Other M and B coats and jackets	34.5	Doz
835	W and G coats and jackets	34.5	Doz
836	Dresses	37.9	Doz
838	Knit shirts, blouses and tops	11.7	Doz
839	Infant's wear	6.3	Kg
840	Not knit shirts and blouses	16.7	Doz
842	Skirts	14.9	Doz
843	M and B suits	3.76	Nos
844	W and G suits	3.76	Nos
845	Sweaters of vegetable fibre	30.8	Doz
846	Sweaters of silk blend	30.8	Doz
847	Trousers, slacks and shorts	14.9	Doz
850	Robes and dressing gowns	42.6	Doz
851	Nightwear and pajamas	43.5	Doz
852	Underwear	11.3	Doz
858	Neckwear	6.6	Kg
859	Other apparel	12.5	Kg
<u>Made-up and Miscellaneous Textiles</u>			
<u>Cotton:</u>			
360	Pillowcases	0.9	Nos
361	Sheets	5.2	Nos
362	Bedspread and quilts	5.8	Nos
363	Terry and other pile towels	0.4	Nos
369	Cotton manufactures, not specified (NSPF)	8.5	kg.
<u>Wool:</u>			
464	Blankets	2.4	kg.
465	Floor coverings	1.0	m ²
469	Wool manufactures, NSPF	3.7	kg.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Man-Made Fibre:			
665	Floor coverings	1.0	m ²
666	Other furnishings	14.4	kg.
669	Man-made fibre manufactures, NSPF	14.4	kg.
670	Flat goods, handbags, luggage	3.7	kg.
Silk-Plends and Non-Cotton Vegetable Fibre:			
853	Towels	0.4	Nos
870	Luggage	3.7	Kg
871	Flatgoods and handbags	3.7	Kg
899	Other silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fibre manufactures	11.1	Kg

ANNEX B

Specific Limit

All annual growth rates below are 6 per cent, except:

- 1 per cent for wool categories
- 1 per cent for category 611
- 4 per cent for category 338/339
- 4 per cent for category 638/639

Category	Unit	1991	1992	1993
Group I:				
Yarn				
200	kgs	750,000	795,000	842,700
300	kgs	3,000,000	3,180,000	3,370,800
301-P	kgs	3,000,000	3,180,000	3,370,800
301-O	kgs	600,000	636,000	674,160
604	kgs	450,000	477,000	505,620
(604-A SUBLIMIT)	kgs	(300,000)	(318,000)	(337,080)
607	kgs	2,000,000	2,120,000	2,247,200
Fabric				
219	M2	4,000,000	4,240,000	4,494,400
313/314/315	M2	63,000,000	66,780,000	70,786,800
(313 Sublimit)	M2	(14,000,000)	(14,840,000)	(15,730,400)
(314 Sublimit)	M2	(32,000,000)	(33,920,000)	(35,955,200)
(315 Sublimit)	M2	(20,000,000)	(21,200,000)	(22,472,000)
317/326	M2	7,750,000	8,215,000	8,707,900
611	M2	12,000,000	12,120,000	12,241,200
613/614/615	M2	27,500,000	29,150,000	30,899,000
(613/615 Sublimit)	M2	(16,000,000)	(16,960,000)	(17,977,600)
(614 Sublimit)	M2	(16,000,000)	(16,960,000)	(17,977,600)
619	M2	4,500,000	4,770,000	5,056,200
620	M2	4,500,000	4,770,000	5,056,200
625/6/7/8/9	M2	8,000,000	8,480,000	8,988,800
(625 Sublimit)	M2	(7,000,000)	(7,420,000)	(7,865,200)
Made-up and Miscellaneous				
363	No	13,000,000	13,780,000	14,666,800
369-D	Kg	143,000	151,580	159,675
369-S	Kg	200,000	212,000	224,720

Category	Unit	1991	1992	1993
Group II:				
(Apparel)	SME	180,000,000	190,800,000	212,248,000
331/631	Dpr	1,091,614	1,157,111	1,226,538
334/634	Doz	390,000	413,400	438,204
335/635/835	Doz	310,000	328,600	348,316
336/636	Doz	200,000	212,000	224,720
338/339	Doz	1,400,000	1,456,000	1,514,240
340	Doz	180,000	190,800	202,248
341/641	Doz	425,000	450,500	477,530
342/642	Doz	370,000	392,200	415,732
345	Doz	190,000	201,400	213,484
347/348/847	Doz	475,000	503,500	533,710
351/651	Doz	150,000	159,000	168,540
359-H/659-H	Kg	720,000	763,200	808,992
434	Doz	11,000	11,110	11,221
438	Doz	16,500	16,665	16,832
442	Doz	19,160	19,352	19,546
638/639	Doz	1,650,000	1,716,000	1,784,640
640	Doz	330,000	349,800	370,788
645/646	Doz	200,000	212,000	224,720
647/648	Doz	712,000	754,720	800,003

Letter from the Thai Government

No. 0313/5920

Ministry of Commerce
Royal Thai Government

3 September B.E. 2534 (1991)

Dear Ambassador Hills,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, as extended, and to the Memorandum of Understanding signed at Bangkok on 28 June 1991, following discussions between representatives of our two governments, and to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date concerning trade in cotton, wool, man-made fibre, non-cotton vegetable fibre and silk-blend textiles and textile products of Thailand exported to the United States, which reads as follows:

"UNITED STATES LETTER"

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the Royal Thai Government accepts the proposals contained in your letter and to confirm that your letter and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this letter.

(Amaret-Sila-on)
Minister of Commerce

The Honourable Carla A. Hills
United States Trade Representative
Washington, DC