ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and Thailand

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of an amendment to its Article 4 agreement with Thailand. 1/

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

1/ For original agreement and previous amendments, see COM.TEX/SB/411, 412, 473, 496 and 568.
2/ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
Dear Mr. De Vight,

We write with an intention to make a request for an increase in the consultation level allowed to Thailand for category 320.

It should be pointed out at this outset that the present consultation level granted to Thailand for category 320 is rather small when account is taken of the fact that exporters have already secured orders to the extent that the available quota cannot adequately permit them to export. Exporters therefore, ask that the Department of Foreign Trade take step to acquire from the United States Government for a raise up in the above mentioned category.

In view of this the Department of Foreign Trade is of the opinion that a raise up of 8 Million Square Yards for category 320, thus putting the level to 16 Million SQY, will be essential if Thailand is to be able to meet the demand in the United States.

We should be grateful if you could, after the receipt of this letter, make an arrangement for the adjustment of category 320 to the amount stipulated above.

Sincerely yours,

O. Okasananda

(Mrs. Oratul Okasananda)
Dipuy Director-General
Dear Khun Oranuj:

I refer to paragraph 4 of the Agreement between the United States and Thailand relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated October 4, 1978, as amended, ("The Agreement"), and to your letter of March 30, 1981, in which you request on behalf of the Royal Thai Government that the consultation level for Category 320 be increased by 8 million square yards to a level of 16 million square yards for the 1981 agreement year.

I am pleased to inform you that my government agrees to this request, and that your letter and this reply thereto constitute an amendment to the agreement.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Gary D. DeVight
Economic Officer

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