ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Thailand

The TSB has received from Sweden a notification of a new bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the MFA with Thailand, valid for the period 1 July 1981-30 June 1983. 1/

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements concluded under Article 4 2/, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries for their information. 3/

1/ The previous agreement between Sweden and Thailand is contained in COM.TEX/SB/624; observations thereon by the TSB are contained in COM.TEX/SB/626.

2/ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

3/ Observations by the TSB on this agreement are contained in COM.TEX/SB/748.
AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

REGARDING EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS

FROM THAILAND TO SWEDEN

ARTICLE 1

The following Agreement has been reached with reference to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly articles 1:2 and 4, and the provisions of GATT document COM.TEX/W/47.

ARTICLE 2

This Agreement shall apply for the periods specified in Annex I hereof.

ARTICLE 3

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand will limit exports from Thailand to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to the levels and sublevel set out in that Annex. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.
ARTICLE 4

(a) This Agreement shall apply to exports from Thailand to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex I hereof of cotton, wool, man-made fibres, or blend thereof, in which any or all of those fibres in combination represent either the chief value of the fibres or 50 per cent or more by weight (or 17 per cent or more by weight of wool).

(b) The provisions of this Agreement shall also apply to the products described in Annex I hereof, which are manufactured from impregnated fabrics as defined in Annex II.

ARTICLE 5

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Thai origin, listed in Annex I, only when such imports are covered by Export Certificates as per specimen in Annex III. Such a document shall be issued by the Department of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, be consecutively numbered, state the group number of each item and bear an endorsement that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed levels for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

ARTICLE 6

(a) If in the period July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981 the group levels specified in column (f) of Annex I to the
Supplementary Protocol to the Agreement of August 23, 1978
are not fully utilized, the Government of the Kingdom of
Thailand may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden,
during the period July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982 approve the
export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such
shortfalls provided that such exports :-

(i) are in the same groups where the shortfalls
occurred;

(ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the levels
of these groups specified in column (f)
of Annex I to the Supplementary Protocol

(b) If in the period July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982
the group levels/sub level specified in column (e) of Annex I
to this Agreement are not fully utilized the Government of the
Kingdom of Thailand may, after consultations with the Government
of Sweden, during the period July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983 approve
the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such
shortfalls provided that such exports :-

(i) are in the same groups/subgroup where the
shortfalls occurred;

(ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the levels of
these groups specified in column (e) of
Annex I to this Agreement;
(c) During the period July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982
the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand may, after consultation
with the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in
excess of the group levels/sub level specified in column (e) of
Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 per cent of those levels
(Carry forward). Where specific group levels/sub level are
increased by carry forward the Government of the Kingdom of
Thailand shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry
forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding group
levels/sub level in column (f) of Annex I to this Agreement.

(d) During the period July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983
the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand may, after consultation
with the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in
excess of the group levels/sub level specified in column (f)
of Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 per cent of those levels
(Carry forward). Where specific group levels/sub level are
increased by carry forward the Government of the Kingdom of
Thailand shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry
forward quantities and debit these to any corresponding group
levels/sub level that may be agreed upon for a subsequent
restraint period.

(e) During each restraint period specified in Annex I,
the additional export quantities resulting from carryover and
carry forward taken together shall, for each group/subgroup,
not exceed 5 per cent of the respective agreed levels.
ARTICLE 7

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in the Export Certificate has already been reached, or the unused portion of that limit is insufficient to cover the goods specified in the certificate, the said authorities may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit. In this event the Swedish authorities shall inform the authorities of the Kingdom of Thailand as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 8

Both parties regard it as essential that exports from Thailand to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I are evenly spaced throughout the period of Agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration is given, as far as possible, to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

ARTICLE 9

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the groups/subgroup and of the weight of the "rest group", listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed Export Certificates for exports to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of Agreement.
The statistics shall reach the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden within a period of two months from the month under reference.

ARTICLE 10

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of Sweden agree to consult each other, at the request of either party, when any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of Sweden furthermore agree to enter into consultations on the modification or elimination of the limitations before the end of the period of agreement.

ARTICLE 11

This Agreement is concluded for a period of two years. Either Government may however terminate this Agreement with effect from July 1, 1982. Such termination shall be notified not later than three months before the expiry of the first year. There shall be mutual consultations before such notification.

ARTICLE 12

The Annexes to this Agreement shall be considered as integral parts of it.
ARTICLE 13

This Agreement has been drawn up in two copies in the English language, each of these texts being equally authentic.

Done in Bangkok on 6 October, 1981.

For the Government of Sweden

(Axel Edelstam)
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Embassy of Sweden

For the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

(Vitthya Vejjajiva)
Director - General
Economic Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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<td>II</td>
<td>60.04.10-61.03.10-</td>
<td>Shirts</td>
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<td>Sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans etc (including outerwear T-shirts), knitted or crocheted</td>
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<td>VI</td>
<td>60.05.80-,81-,87-,89-61.01.003,004,006, 10-,45-61.02.004,006,11-,15-99-</td>
<td>Overcoats and jackets</td>
<td>Pieces</td>
<td>143,100</td>
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<td>VIII</td>
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<td>Trousers, other than shorts (including work trousers e.g. trousers with bib and braces and trousers made of impregnated fabrics)</td>
<td>Pieces</td>
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<td>IX</td>
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<td>Rest Group</td>
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<td>Stockings, understockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres</td>
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<td>1,III,IV, VII, XI, XII, XIII</td>
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<td>Travelling rugs and blankets</td>
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Definition of "Impregnated Fabrics"
for the purposes of Article 4

1. Fabrics of cotton, wool or man-made fibres or any blend containing one or more of those fibres in which either wool represents 17 per cent or more by weight or any or all of those fibres in combination represent 50 per cent or more by weight of the unfinished fabric shall be defined as "impregnated fabrics" where those fabrics have been impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials whatever the nature of the plastic materials (compact, foam, sponge or expanded).

2. The definition does not cover:-

(a) Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or laminating, cannot, without fracturing, be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15°C and 30°C.

(b) Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic material or coated or covered on both sides with such material.
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We hereby certify that the above-mentioned goods are of Thai origin. (Thailand)

To be exported to Messrs. 

(address) 

Issued on 

(Goods to be exported within two weeks of the date of issue.)

Department of Foreign Trade