ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:8 and paragraph 8 of the 1986 Protocol of Extension

United States/Thailand

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of the extension of restraints on Categories 313 (cotton sheeting), 315 (cotton printcloth) and 638/639 man-made fibre knit shirts and blouses) for an additional twelve-month period ending 30 March 1991.

The extension of restraints on Categories 313 and 315 were agreed under Article 3:8 of the MFA. In the absence of an agreement on Category 638/639, the United States invoked the provisions of paragraph 8 of the 1986 Protocol to extend the restraint.  

1At its second meeting of 1990, the TSB after its review under Article 3:5, had found that market disruption had been demonstrated with respect to Categories 313 and 315 (TEX.SB/W/522). Both the United States and Thailand had reported that they had reached agreement for a restraint on Category 638/639. (See COM.TEX/SB/1530). This agreement for the period 31 March 1989 to 30 March 1990 is contained in TEX.SB/1641.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Further to my earlier oral notification, and supplementing my letter to you of March 29, 1990, I am attaching copies of additional U.S. and Thai notes dealing with the extension of restraints on categories 313, 315 and 638/639.

As noted therein, the two parties agreed to the extension of restraints on categories 313 and 315. The two parties did not agree, however, on the terms of extension for category 638/639, and the United States has invoked the provisions of paragraph 8 of the 1986 Protocol of Extension to extend that restraint.

The notes attached to this letter and my letter of March 29, are submitted, therefore, as the formal notification of these actions as called for in Article 3.8 of the Arrangement, paragraph 8 of the 1986 Protocol of Extension, and the TSB's general observation on the latter. A copy of the market statement for category 638/639 referred to in the U.S. note of March 30 will be provided under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor
U.S./Thailand Note
March 30, 1990


TO CONFIRM, FOLLOWING ARE THE RESTRAINT LEVELS EXTENDED FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 31, 1990 - MARCH 30, 1991:

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ATTACHED FOR REVIEW IS A COMPLETE, UPDATED MARKET STATEMENT FOR CATEGORY 638/639.

ENCLOSURE: MARKET STATEMENT FOR CATEGORY 538/539

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON,
Thailand/U.S. Note
March 29, 1990

WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 25, 1990 REQUESTING FOR THE RENEWAL OF RESTRAINTS FOR CATEGORIES 313, 315, AND 638/639 FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS AT THE LEVELS INDICATED BELOW.

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WE SHOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM OUR ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR REQUEST TO RENEW CATEGORIES 313 AND 315. HOWEVER, THE RESTRAINT FOR CATEGORY 638/639 CANNOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS A GROWTH RATE OF 6 PERCENT IS ACCORDED.
March 29, 1990

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Further to my earlier oral notification, I am herewith attaching a copy of the U.S. note requesting the agreement of the Government of Thailand to extend, pursuant to Article 3.8 of the Arrangement, the restraints on three products.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Attachment
TEXT OF USG NOTE:

(MICRODENSE OPENING)... REFER TO THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES, WITH ANNEXES, DATED AT GENEVA ON DECEMBER 20, 1973 AND EXTENDED BY PROTOCOL ON JULY 31, 1986 (THE ARRANGEMENT) AND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S NOTES DATED MARCH 31, 1989 REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON IMPORTS FROM THAILAND OF COTTON SHEETING IN CATEGORY 313, COTTON PRINTCLOTH IN CATEGORY 315, AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MAN-MADE FIBER KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES IN CATEGORY 638/639. FOLLOWING THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS THE FOLLOWING RESTRAINT LEVELS WERE IMPOSED FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 31, 1989 - MARCH 30, 1990:

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