ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4.4

Amendments to the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Thailand

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States concerns a further amendment to the bilateral agreement covering textile products between the United States and Thailand.

For details of the agreement and previous amendments, see COM.TEX/SB/411, 412, 473, 496 and 568.

*English only/Anglais seulement.
February 5, 1981

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the increase in a consultation level and, thereby, the further amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Thai Government. The original bilateral agreement and prior amendments have been notified as COM.TEX/SB/411, 412, 473, 496, and 568.

Attached hereto are copies of the letter giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures: as stated
Mr. Gary D. De Vight  
Economic/Commercial Officer  
Embassy of the United States of America  
Bangkok  

November 17, 1980  

Dear Mr. De Vight:  

With reference to your letter dated November 13, 1980 concerning the U.S. Government's proposal that the consultation level for Category 604 be increased to 2.2 million square yards equivalent for Thailand this year, we would like to inform you that the said proposal of your Government is hereby confirmed as acceptable.  

Your kind cooperation is highly appreciated.  

Yours sincerely,  

[Signature]
Bangkok, Thailand

November 13, 1980

Khun Oranuj Ostananda
Deputy Director-General
Department of Foreign Trade
Ministry of Commerce
Samnamchail Road
Bangkok 2

Dear Khun Oranuj:

The United States Government has asked me to communicate to you their new proposal to solve the problem of the embargoed acrylic yarn shipments.

The United States Government has suggested that rather than risk any further misunderstanding by attempting to clarify positions via long distance communications, that in this instance we will try to simplify this matter by proposing instead that the consultation level for Category 604 be increased to 2.2 million square yards equivalent. It should be emphasized that this category is indeed a difficult problem for the United States and that this further increase of 200,000 is all that we can possibly consider for 1980.

I hope that the above proposal is acceptable to the Royal Thai Government and that you will so inform me as soon as possible so that I can forward your acceptance to Washington.

I would like to point out that the United States Government does not, as yet, know exactly how much Thai acrylic yarn is being embargoed. While we hope that this increase will allow the two shipments from Texport and Thai Acrylic to be released, there is no guarantee that this will take place.

Sincerely yours,

Gary D. DeVight
Economic Officer
United States/Thailand (TEX.SB/611)

Original agreement and previous amendments: COM.TEX/SB/411, 412, 473, 474 and 568

Period of agreement: 1 January 1978 to 31 December 1982
Product coverage: cotton, wool, m.m.f.

Present notification

Amendment to increase the designated consultation level for category 604 (spun non cellulosic yarn)

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Two points need clarification
1) Does the increase apply only to 1980?
2) Last paragraph of the US letter to Thailand.