Textiles Surveillance Body

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.

1/ For details of the agreement and previous amendments, see COM.TEX/SB/411, 412, 473, 496, 568 and 667.

*English only/Anglais seulement.
The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
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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 the consultation level for category 320 ("other" cotton woven fabrics) 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 and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/411, 412, 473, 496, 568 and 667.

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counselor

Attachment: as stated
April 27, 1981

Khun Oranuj Osatanada
Deputy Director General
Department of Foreign Trade
Ministry of Commerce
Bangkok 2, Thailand

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]

Embassy of the United States
Bangkok Metropolitan City
Embassy of the United States of America

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Gary D. DeVight
Economic Officer
Mr. Gary D. De Vight  
Economic Commercial Officer  
Embassy of The United States of America  
Bangkok

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,

(Mrs. Oranuj Osatananda)  
Diputy Director-General