

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL  
TEX.SB/1166\*  
20 September 1985

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4:4

### Modification of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Thailand

### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further modification of its agreement with Thailand, concerning imports of Category 605 pt (sewing thread). This is related to the notification contained in TEX.SB/1025, the review of which the TSB had agreed to defer, awaiting the present notification.

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<sup>1</sup>The original bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/942

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The Honorable  
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli  
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

653 *not in party*

Further to my letter of July 24, 1984 (see Tex. SB/1025) and the TSB discussion thereof, I enclose copies of the notes between the United States and Thailand which establish an agreed specific limit for category 605 part (sewing thread).

The U.S. requested consultations with Thailand in March 1984 pursuant to paragraph 4 of the U.S.-Thai bilateral with a view to eliminating a real risk of market disruption with respect to this product. As will be seen from the table below the limit agreed upon is substantially above the formula level set out in the bilateral agreement.

Category	Date of Call	Annualized Formula Level	Agreed Pro-Rata Limit	Agreed Notional Annual Limit
605p	3/29/84	397,289 lbs.	362,142 lbs (3/28-12/31)	478,600 lbs

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure



Textiles Division

# Public Release

United States Department of State  
*Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs*  
Washington, D.C.

June 10, 1985

## UNITED STATES AND THAILAND AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Thailand exchanged notes in Bangkok to effect amendment to their bilateral textile agreement relating to trade in textiles and textile products. Texts of the notes follow.

### UNITED STATES NOTE

Bangkok  
December 11, 1984

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and has the honor to refer to the agreement between the United States of America and the Royal Thai Government relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products effected by exchange of notes July 27 and August 8, 1983, as amended, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement". The Embassy also has the honor to refer to consultations between the two governments held in Bangkok on September 18 and

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October 30, 1984. As a result of the consultations between the two governments, it is the understanding of the Government of the United States that the Royal Thai Government has agreed to the amendment of the Agreement in regard to category 605 Part (sewing thread over 90 cents per pound). In accord with that agreement, the specific limits for category 605 which shall be incorporated into Annex B, Group One, are:

Category	Unit	March 28 to December 31, 1984	Fourth Agreement Year	Fifth Agreement Year
605 Part	Pounds	362,142	508,250	543,828
(sewing thread over 90 cents per pound)				

If the above understanding of the United States Government is correct, this Note and the response of the Royal Thai Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,



THAI NOTE

Bangkok  
February 5, 1985

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, with reference to the Embassy's Note No. 1017 dated 11 December 1984 requesting the Royal Thai Government to confirm the understanding of the Embassy regarding the amendment of the Textile Agreement between Thailand and the United States of America in regard to category 605 Part, has the honour to make a clarification as follows:

1. As the Agreement is valid for 5 years starting from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1987, the export figure of the fourth Agreement year mentioned in the Embassy's Note i.e. 508,250 should therefore be that of the third Agreement year. Accordingly, the amendment should be as follows:

Category	Unit	March 28 to December 31 1984	Third Agreement Year	Fourth Agreement Year	Fifth Agreement Year
605 Part	Pounds	362,142	508,250	543,828	581,896

2. It is the understanding of the Ministry of Commerce that the amendment was made in regard to TSUSA No. 310.9140 which has been defined as Sewing Thread, not Sewing Thread over 90 cent per pound. The TSUSA tariff schedules for textile and apparel categories are enclosed herewith.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Saranrom Palace.

February B.E. 2528



TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORIES BY TARIFF SCHEDULES  
OF THE UNITED STATES ANNOTATED

YARN - MAN-MADE

SECTION I

TEXTILE Category	TSUSA Number	DESCRIPTION	CONVER- SION FACTOR	UNIT OF MEA- SURE
		<u>YARNS: cont'd</u>		
		<u>MAN-MADE FIBER: cont'd</u>		
<u>602</u>		<u>WORN WHOLLY OF CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OTHER: cont'd</u>	<u>11.6</u>	<u>LB.</u>
		PLIED: cont'd		
		WITH TWIST OVER 20 TURNS PER INCH:		
		NOT OVER \$1 PER POUND:		
	310.2030	Of Non-Cellulosic		
	310.2050	Other		
		OVER \$1 PER POUND		
	310.2130	Of Non-Cellulosic		
	310.2150	Other		
<u>603</u>		<u>WORN WHOLLY OF NON-CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OF CELLULOSIC:</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>LB.</u>
	310.4030	Singles		
	310.5030	Plied		
<u>604</u>		<u>WORN WHOLLY OF NON-CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OTHER:</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>LB.</u>
		SINGLES:		
	310.4046	Of Nylon		
	310.4047	Of Polyester		
	310.4027	Of Acrylic		
	310.4050	Other		
		PLIED:		
	310.5046	Of Nylon		
	310.5047	Of Polyester		
	310.5049	Of Acrylic		
	310.5051	Other		
<u>605</u>		<u>YARN, OTHER:</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>LB.</u>
		CHIEF VALUE, BUT NOT WHOLLY OF SILK:		
		WHOLLY OF MAN-MADE FIBERS AND NON-CONTINUOUS SILK FIBERS:		
		SINGLES:		
	308.6000	Not Bleached and Not Colored		
		BLEACHED OR COLORED:		
	307.6100	Not Colored, Measuring Over 53.800 Yds. Per Pound		

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YARNS - MAN-MADE

Section I

TEXTILE Category	TSUSA Number	DESCRIPTION	CONVER- SION FACTOR	UNIT OF MEA- SURE
<u>609</u>		<u>YARNS: cont'd</u>		
		<u>MAN-MADE FIBER: cont'd</u>		
		<u>YARN, OTHER: cont'd</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>Lb.</u>
		CHIEF VALUE, BUT NOT WHOLLY OF SILK:		
		WHOLLY OF MAN-MADE FIBERS AND NON-CONTINUOUS SILK FIBERS: cont'd		
		SINGLES: cont'd		
		BLEACHED OR COLORED: con't		
	308.6600	Other		
		PILED:		
	308.7000	Not Colored, Measuring Over 29,400 Yds. Per Pound		
	308.7100	Other		
	308.7400	Other		
		OF GLASS:		
	309.0800	Not Colored		
	309.0900	Colored		
		Other:		
	310.8000	Chenille Yarns of Man-Made Fiber		
		FOR HANDWORK AND SEWING THREADS:		
	<u>310.9000</u>	Valued Not Over 90¢ Per Pound		
		VALUED OVER 90¢ PER POUND:		
	310.9120	Yarns Put Up for Handwork		
	310.9140	Sewing Thread		
		<u>CORDAGE OF MAN-MADE FIBER:</u>		
	316.5500	Measuring Under 3/16" In Diameter		
	316.5400	Other		
	349.1060	Elastic Yarns, Cordage, and Tubular Braids With Rubber Core		



UNITED STATES NOTE

Bangkok  
February 28, 1985

His Excellency  
ACM Siddhi Savetsila  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Bangkok

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Royal Thai Government relating to trade in textiles and textile products effected by exchange of Notes July 27 and August 8, 1983, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement). I also have the honor to refer to the Royal Thai Government's Note No. 0501/8475 dated 5 February 1985.

The Embassy is pleased to report that the Government of the United States agrees to the correction in dates suggested in the Royal Thai Government's Note No. 0501/8475. In accordance with the correction the specific limits for Category 605, which shall be incorporated into Annex B, Group One, are:

Cate-	Unit	March 28-	Third	Fourth	Fifth
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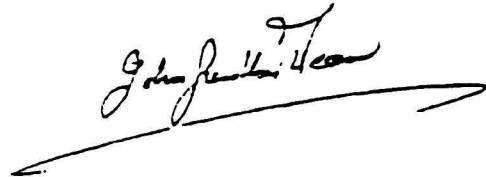
605	Pounds	362,142	508,250	543,828	581,896
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Part

-- Sewing thread over 90 cents per pound

If the above understanding of my government is correct, this Note and your response on behalf of your government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



THAI NOTE

Bangkok  
April 25, 1985

His Excellency  
Mr. John Gunther Dean  
Ambassador of the  
United States of America  
Bangkok

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Royal Thai Government's Note No 0501/8475 dated 5 February B.E. 2528 (1985) and to your letter in reply, No 177 dated 28 February 1985 concerning the amendment to the Textile Agreement between our two countries in regard to 605 Part (sewing thread over 90 cents per pound).

I have further the honour to confirm on behalf of the Royal Thai Government that the understanding of the Government of the United States, as contained in your above-mentioned Note, is correct and thereby constitutes an amendment to the Textile Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



(Arsa Sarasin)

Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs