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TEX.SB/1393*
30 September 1987

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment 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 amendment of its bilateral agreement with Thailand. A specific limit on Category 342/642 (cotton and mmf skirts) was agreed for the period 1 July 1987 to 31 December 1988.

^{*}English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

¹The original agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/942, 1105, 1106, 1197 and 1248.



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The Honorable Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body GATT Rue De Lausanne 154 1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

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 amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Thai Government.

This amendment establishes a specific limit for cotton and mmf skirts (category 342/642). The United States requested consultations with Thailand pursuant to paragraph 4 of the bilateral to deal with the risk of market disruption posed by exports of this products from Thailand:

			"Notional"
	Call	Formula	Annual
Category	<u>Date</u>	Level	<u>Level</u>
342/642	May 1987	204,443 dozen	271,028 dozen

Growth is set at 7%; swing is set at 7%; and carryover/carry forward at 11/6%.

The Honorable Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli September 22, 1987 Page Two

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd Minister Counsellor

Attachment



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

August 4, 1987

UNITED STATES AND THAILAND AMENDED BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Thailand exchanged letters to amend their Bilateral Textile Agreement. Text of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

July 23, 1987

Mr. Dumrong Indharameesup Commercial Couselor Embassy of Thailand 1990 M. St., NW Suite 380 Washington D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Indharameesup,

I have the honor to refer to the bilateral textile Agreement between our two Governments effected by exchange of notes dated July 27 and August 8, 1983. I also have the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Royal Thai Government and the Government of the United States of America, held in Washington D.C. on July 20, 1987, concerning cotton and man-made fiber skirts, products of Thailand, exported to the United States.

As a result of these discussions, I propose on behalf of the Government of the United States, the following amendment to the Agreement:

Annex B shall be amended to include the following Specific Limit under Group II:

July 1-

December 31, 1987 Category (Sixth Agreement Year)

290,000 dozen

342/642

137,000 dozen

1988

Standard swing, carryover and carryforward shall be available on the above Specific Limit

If this proposal is acceptable to the Royal Thai Government, this letter and the Royal Thai Government's letter of acceptance shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Donald K. Steinberg Chief, Textile Division Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs

THAILAND LETTER

July 24, 1987

Mr. Donald K. Steinberg Chief, Textile Division Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs United States Department of States Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of July 23, 1987 proposing the result of discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Thai Government, held in Washington, D.C. on July 20, 1987, concerning cotton and man-made fiber skirts, products of Thailand, exported to the United States.

I have further the honor to inform you that the proposal set forth in your letter is acceptable to the Royal Thai Government and to confirm on behalf of the Royal Thai Government that your letter and this letter in reply thereto shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two countries.

Sincerely,

Dumrong Indharameesup Commercial Counselor