

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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17 May 1990

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification Under Article 11:8

United States/Thailand

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received under Article 11:8 from the United States concerning the TSB recommendation made in March 1990 on the restraint introduced on Category 336/636 when imported from Thailand.<sup>1</sup> The United States is not able to accept the TSB recommendation to terminate the restraint.

The United States will discuss this matter with Thailand at the bilateral consultations scheduled in May 1990, presenting the more recent developments justifying the maintenance of the restraint. In the event of no agreement with Thailand, the United States will propose that the TSB consider this matter at the meeting scheduled for 30-31 May 1990.

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<sup>1</sup>COM.TEX/SB/1531, paragraph 12(i)

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

I have been instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB), pursuant to Article 11.8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA), that the United States is not able to accept the TSB's recommendation, contained in the report of its meeting held on March 15-16, 1990, that the United States terminate the restraint currently being maintained with Thailand on cotton and man-made fiber dresses (Category 336/636). The restraint, which has been imposed pursuant to Article 3.5 of the Arrangement covers the period from October 31, 1989 through October 30, 1990.

Developments since the TSB reviewed this matter in March have reinforced my government's opinion that imports of this product from Thailand are causing market disruption as envisaged in Article 3 of the Arrangement. My government intends to discuss these developments, together with the original reasons for introducing this measure, with the Government of Thailand during consultations which have been scheduled for later this month. If our two governments are still unable to agree upon the need for a restraint on this category, the U.S. will propose referral of the matter to the TSB for consideration at the meeting now scheduled for May 30-31.

Sincerely,

  
Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister Counsellor