

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TEX.SB/1649\*

17 May 1990

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Report on Matters Reviewed Under Article 3:5 and 11:4

##### Thailand/United States

##### Note by the Chairman

Attached is the report received from Thailand made in accordance with the TSB recommendations<sup>1</sup> relating to the Article 3:5 measures taken by the United States on Categories 314 (cotton poplin and broadcloth) and 614 (man-made fibre poplin and broadcloth) and the matter referred by Thailand under Article 11:4 on the request for consultations made by the United States on Category 300pt (cotton carded yarns).

Since the relevant elements of the correspondence between Thailand and the United States have been fully summarized in the report, it was not found necessary to attach the letters, but a set of the letters is with the secretariat for consultation.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/1531

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Excellency,

With reference to the recommendations made by the TSB at its meeting on 16 March 1990 with respect to further bilateral consultations between the United States and Thailand on the textiles categories 314, 614 and 300 pt, the result of which have to be reported back to the TSB no later than 30 April 1990, my authorities have instructed me to report to you that despite efforts through various available channels, it is regrettable that no bilateral consultation took place within the recommended time frame. The following summary of a series of correspondences and communications between the two parties would hopefully explain the circumstances. The copies of the relevant correspondences attached herewith are intended to serve as a reference only.

In accordance with the TSB recommendation, the Thai authorities promptly contacted the United States counterparts with a view to holding the bilateral consultations without delay. Two sets of date, namely 5-6 April and 24-27 April 1990, were proposed by Thailand. Geneva, which is geographically half-way between the two countries, was suggested as the venue of the meeting out of historical reason that the past rounds of consultation had been held in the United States.

The United States authorities, citing their heavy schedules during the proposed periods, could not concur with the Thai proposal. And in turn, the United States suggested that it would be prepared to conduct the consultations in Washington, D.C. with the staffs of the Royal Thai Embassy there. With the recent replacement of our embassy staffs, we were not comfortable with the U.S. suggestion. But, since the U.S. seemed to be attached to the idea of holding the consultations at the embassy level, Thailand then proposed the meeting instead be held in Bangkok on 26-30 April and the U.S. representatives be its embassy staffs.

His Excellency,  
Ambassador Marcello Rafielli,  
Chairman of the Textiles Surveillance Body,  
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On 19 April 1990, the U.S. responded that the nature of the issues involved would require representatives from the capitals and, therefore, proposed that the consultations be held in Geneva either during the week of 7 May or that of 21 May 1990, whichever was convenient to Thailand. My authorities responded positively to the proposed Geneva meeting during the week of 7 May. Unfortunately, the U.S. shortly afterward informed us that it had "inadvertently conveyed incorrect dates" for the consultations and the only convenient dates for the Geneva meeting would be 24-25 May 1990.

Although the U.S. proposed dates are not in accordance with the TSB recommendation, Thailand, facing ~~with~~ no other alternative and acting under the spirit of co-operation, had no choice but agree to the U.S. latest proposal.

In view of the above circumstances, my authorities wish to request that the TSB grant Thailand an opportunity to report the result of the 24-25 May consultations at its following meeting of 30-31 May 1990.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



(Chao Saicheua)  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative