

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL
TEX.SB/288
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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Thailand

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States mission relates to two further amendments to the existing agreement between the United States and Thailand.¹

¹For details of the original agreement and amendment see COM.TEX/SB/153 and 234.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4:4

Accord bilatéral entre les Etats-Unis et la Thaïlande

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à deux nouvelles modifications qui ont été apportées à l'accord en vigueur entre les Etats-Unis et la Thaïlande¹.

¹Pour le détail de l'accord initial et les modifications qui lui ont été apportées, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/153 et 234.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

February 27, 1978

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman,
Textiles Surveillance Body
Centre William Rappard
154, rue de Lausanne
1211 Geneve 21


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 TSB of two additional amendments to the bilateral textile agreement, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Thai Government. The original agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/153 of 26 March 1976.

The first amendment represents the assent of the United States to a request from Thailand for increases in the consultation levels for four textile categories applicable to the second agreement year. The second represents, (a) an agreement between the two governments to merge categories 116 and 117 and to merge categories 15 and 16 and, (b) an agreement on adjustments in the designated consultation levels set forth in Annex A to the bilateral agreement in order to bring those levels into closer conformity with needs of the trade.

Attached are copies of State Department Press Releases No. 12 of January 12, 1978 and No. 1 of January 3, 1978 setting forth full texts of the exchanges of letters and Notes giving effect to the amendments.

Sincerely,


Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures: As stated

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

January 3, 1978

No. 1

UNITED STATES AND THAILAND AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Thailand exchanged notes on October 6, 1977 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

October 6, 1977

His Excellency
Upadit Pachariyangkun
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Bangkok

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products of December 29, 1975, as amended, between our two governments (hereafter referred to as the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments in Geneva. As a result of these discussions, I wish to propose that the Agreement be further amended as follows for the second agreement year:

1. (A) Categories 116 and 117 are merged.
(B) Categories 15 and 16 are merged.

2. Annex A shall be amended by the following additions and changes:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Level</u> <u>Square Yards Equivalent (SYE)</u>
9/10	4,300,000
15/16	2,900,000
18/19	4,300,000
22/23	4,600,000
26/27 (except duck)	5,500,000
26 (duck)	2,700,000
50	900,000
52	900,000
62	1,100,000
116/117	200,000
209	3,400,000

3. Paragraph 3 shall be amended as follows:

*For the second agreement year, the limit for

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Group I shall be 25,000,000 square yards equivalent, and the limit for Group II shall be 45,000,000 square yards equivalent."

If this proposal is acceptable to the Royal Thai Government, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Royal Thai Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

/S/Charles S. Whitehouse

THAILAND NOTE

October 6, 1977

His Excellency
Charles Whitehouse
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of
the United States of America
Bangkok

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 647 dated October 6, 1977 concerning the Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products between Thailand and the United States of America which reads as follows:

(See U.S. note.)

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Royal Thai Government accepts the proposal set forth in the Note quoted above and that Your Excellency's Note and confirmation contained in this Note constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

/S/ (Wongse Polnikorn)
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs
In charge of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

January 12, 1978
No. 15

UNITED STATES AND THAILAND AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Thailand exchanged letters dated May 20 and April 4, 1977 to amend the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles between the two countries: The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

Bangkok, Thailand

May 20, 1977

Mr. Chanoot Sriprab
Acting Director General
Department of Foreign Trade
Ministry of Commerce
Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter No. 0304/1656 dated April 4, 1977, this is to advise you that by telegram dated May 18, 1977 the United States Government agrees to the request by the Royal Thai Government to exceed consultation levels during the second agreement year of the Bilateral Textile Agreement of December 29, 1975 by the following amounts:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT (SYE)</u>
9/10	800,000
15/16	600,000
26/27 (other than duck)	500,000
209	500,000

Sincerely,

/S/ Ross C. Parr
First Secretary

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THAILAND LETTER

Department of Foreign Trade
Ministry of Commerce
Bangkok, Thailand.

April 4, 1977

Mr. R. C. Parr
First Secretary
Embassy of the United States of America
Bangkok

Dear Mr. Parr,

Referring to Article 6 of the Bilateral Textile Agreement of December 29, 1975, I am requesting for the raises of consultation levels in Group I for the second agreement year as follows:

category 9/10	=	800,000 square yards
category 15/16	=	600,000 square yards
category 26/27 (other than duck)	=	500,000 square yards
category 209	=	500,000 square yards

Thus, the new restraint levels of the forementioned categories shall be:

category 9/10	=	3,300,000 square yards
category 15/16	=	1,600,000 square yards
category 26/27 (duck)	=	7,200,000 square yards
category 209	=	2,300,000 square yards
	=	3,000,000 square yards

We also would like to confirm that the excess levels will be within the group limit as well as the total aggregate limit, and hope that they will meet with your Government's favorable consideration.

Your immediate attention would be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
/S/ Chanoot Sriprab
Acting Director General