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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures in
Thailand as requested by the TSB

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a notification received from the Mission of Thailand in response to the TSB's request¹ for a further report² on the situation of the textile industry in Thailand and its relation to the restrictions applied to trade in textiles.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/350, paragraph 4.

²For previous notifications see COM.TEX/SB/165, 187 and 351.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Rapport sur la situation des restrictions en Thaïlande
demandé par l'OST

Note du Président

On trouvera ci-joint copie d'une notification que la mission de la Thaïlande a fait parvenir au secrétariat en réponse à la demande de l'OST¹ qui invitait la Thaïlande à présenter un nouveau rapport² sur la situation de son industrie textile en relation avec les restrictions qu'elle applique à son commerce des textiles.

¹Voir le document COM.TEX/SB/350, paragraphe 4.

²Pour les notifications précédentes, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/165, 187 et 351.

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4 April 1979.

Sir,

Further to a report submitted in July 1978, I have the honour to transmit, herewith, for the consideration of the Textiles Surveillance Body, an additional report relating to Thailand's trade in textiles and restrictions in force.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Manaspas XUTO)

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Thailand

Enclosures.

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Chairman
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For:	Asst. Sec. Gen.	
TRADE POLICY DT:		X
Gen. Div.		
Agri. Div.		
Special Proj:		
TRADE DEVELOP. DT:		X
Sp. Asst. Tr. Negs		
Dev. Div.		
Int. Div.		
COMM. TSO	X	
CONF. CF. D-G:		
Conf. Cent (ADD)		
Conf. Div.		
Int. & Rel. Serv.		
Int. Serv.		
Int. Serv.		
Training Prog.		

REPORT ON TEXTILES IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

During 1978 Thailand maintained import controls on polyester fibre, polyester yarn, nylon filament yarn and nylon stretched yarn due to a continuing situation of over production, slow increase in local demand and a growing accumulation of surplus.

Since the last report, however, the situation has improved and the Thai Government (through Ministry of Commerce Announcement No. 94 of 21 February 1979) now permits the above-mentioned products to be imported freely without requiring import licenses.

Attached to this report are Tables 1,2 and 3, containing updated information on Thailand's Balance of Trade, Thailand's Import of Textile Products subject to Import Control and, Thailand's Balance of Textiles Trade, respectively.

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Table 1 : Thailand's Balance of Trade

Value : million baht

Year	Export	Import	Balance
1973	32,226	42,184	- 9,958
1974	50,325	64,043	- 13,718
1975	48,438	66,835	- 10,146
1976	60,797	72,877	- 14,780
1977	71,198	94,177	- 22,979
1978	66,312	88,349	- 22,037
(Jan - Oct)			

Table 2 Thailand's Import of Textile Products

Subject to Import Control

Description	1977		1978	
	Quantity Kgs.	Value C.I.F. Baht	Quantity Kgs.	Value C.I.F. Baht
Polycester fibre				
Polycester yarn	3,280,618	67,639,484	3,055,710	82,860,049
Nylon filament yarn				
Nylon Stretched yarn				

Source: Department of Foreign Trade.

Table 3 ; Thailand's Balance of Textiles Trade

Value : million baht

Item	1976			1977			1978 (Jan - Nov)		
	Import	Export	Balance	Import	Export	Balance	Import	Export	Balance
Cotton	2,112.0	-	- 2,112.0	2,871.3	4.7	- 2,866.6	1,861.5	44.88	- 1,816.62
Cotton yarn	12.3	55.0	+ 42.7	8.2	121.9	+ 113.7	3.476	162.333	+ 158.857
Cotton fabrics	208.6	1,032.6	+ 824.0	272.5	857.4	+ 584.9	308.348	854.435	+ 546.087
Man-made fibres	273.4	-	- 273.4	286.9	93.1	- 193.8	207.393	78.772	- 128.621
Man-made yarn	314.3	380.4	+ 66.1	200.5	453.5	+ 253.0	177.867	553.854	+ 375.937
Man-made fabrics	753.6	993.2	+ 239.6	778.8	1,224.9	+ 446.1	1,045.839	2,066.441	+ 1,020.602
Garments	63.6	1,523.4	+ 1,459.8	63.6	1,655.8	+ 1,592.2	29.947	2,280.337	+ 2,250.39
Total	3,737.8	3,984.6	+ 246.8	4,481.8	4,411.3	- 70.5	3,634.37	6,041.052	+ 2,406.682

Source : Bank of Thailand.