# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

### ACCORD GENERAL SUR LES TARIFS DOUANIERS ET LE COMMERCE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

#### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between the EEC and Thailand

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the Commission of the European Communities concerns an amendment to the initialled Article 4 agreement with Thailand. The amendment relates to new limits on exports from Thailand with respect to category 26 to the United Kingdom and Denmark, and for category 27 to Denmark alone.

1 For details of the existing agreement see COM.TEX/SB/455; see also TEX.SB/450.

#### ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4, paragraphe 4

## Modification de l'accord bilatéral entre la CEE et la Thailande

#### Note du Président

La Commission des Communautés européennes a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une modification de l'accord paraphé qui a été négocié avec la Thaïlande au titre de l'article 4. Cette modification porte fixation de nouvelles limites aux exportations thaïlandaises de produits de la catégorie 26 à destination du Royaume-Uni et du Danemark, et de produits de la catégorie 27 à destination du Danemark uniquement.

Pour le détail de l'accord existant, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/455; voir également le document TEX.SB/450.

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Brussels <u>3 October 1979</u> JRB/gdh

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Dear Mr Ambassador,

In connection with the European Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with the Kingdom of Thailand negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement and signed on 21.7.1979, I have to inform you of the following:

During the course of 1979 imports of dresses (Cat 26) and skirts (Cat 27) from Thailand into the Benelux and Denmark respectively exceeded 50.000 pieces, 14.000 pieces and 8.000 pieces, being the levels at which the Community can ask for a restraint measure in respect of the region of the Community concerned under the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement. The Community having deemed that there was real risk of market disruption in theses cases the two sides held consultations on 12.9.1979 in pursuance of Article 13 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, Thailand agreed to limit its exports to the Benelux and Denmark as follows:

Category	Unit	Member State	1979	1980	1981	1982
26	1000 p.	BNL	380	395	411	427
26	1000 p.	DK	170	180	191	202
27	1000 p.	DK	83	88	93	99

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These new limits contained in the agreed minute annexed to this letter, are herewith communicated under Article 4, Paragraph 4 of the Arrangement, as a modification to the Community's Agreement with the Kingdom of Thailand.

ours, sincerely,

AR. BECK

#### AGREED MINUTE

- 1. The delegations of the Kingdom of Thailand and of the European Economic Community met on 12 September 1979 in Brussels for consultations in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Thailand and the Community signed on 21.7.1979.
- 2. As a result of these consultations, Thailand agreed to limit its exports of woven and knitted or crocheted dresses (category 26, Nimexe positions 60.05-41 to 44 and 61.02-48;52;53;54) to Denmark and Benelux as well as to limit its exports of woven and knitted or crocheted skirts (category 27, Nimexe positions 60.05-51 to 58 and 61.02-57;58;62) to Denmark. The following levels were agreed:

#### Category 26

#### Denmark

1979: 170,000 pieces (exceptionally, a supplementary quantity of 100,000 pieces for 1979 has been agreed)

1980: 180,200 pieces (exceptionally, a supplementary quantity of 50,000 pieces for 1980 has been agreed)

1981: 191,000 pieces

1982 : 202,500 pieces

#### Benelux

1979: 380,000 pieces (exceptionally, a supplementary quantity of 50,000 pieces for 1979 has been agreed) \*\*

1980: 395,200 pieces (exceptionally, a supplementary quantity of 40,000 pieces for 1980 has been agreed)

1981 : 411,000 pieces

1982: 427,500 pieces

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\*\* Prior to the consultations, exports of a further quantity of 20,000 pieces (category 26) to Benelux were agreed in order to fulfil contracts.

The Thai authorities will provide the Benelux authorities with full details of these consignments (names of exporters and importers, quantities exported etc).

#### Category 27

#### Denmark

1979 : 83,000 pieces

1980: 88,000 pieces

1981: 93,300 pieces

1982 : 99,000 pieces

- 3. It is the understanding of both parties that the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II, in particular the licence procedures set out in Protocol A, shall apply to exports of dresses from Thailand to Denmark and Benelux and skirts from Thailand to Denmark as from 1 October 1979. The Danish and the Benelux authorities shall accept all shipments, within the above-mentioned quota for 1979, leaving Thailand without export licences before 1 October 1979.
- 4. It is understood that the agreed levels for categories 26 and 27 might be subject to revision in future in the event that the Community changes the classification criteria regarding sets.

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Head of the Delegation of the Kingdom of Thailand

Brussels, 14 September 1979

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