

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 a further amendment to the Article 4 agreement with Thailand.¹ The amendment relates to new limits on exports from Thailand with respect to category 37 to Italy.

¹For details of the agreement and previous amendment see COM.TEX/SB/455 486. See also TEX.SB/504.

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 Thaïlande

Note du Président

La Commission des Communautés européennes a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une nouvelle modification de l'accord¹ 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 37 à destination de l'Italie.

¹Pour le détail de l'accord et les modifications précédentes, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/455 et 486. Voir aussi le document TEX.SB/504.

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Brussels 7 February 1980
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Dear Mr Ambassador,

In connection with the European Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with Thailand negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement and initialled on 1st of December 1977, I have to inform you of the following :

During the course of 1978 imports of woven fabrics of regenerated textile fibres cat.(37) from Thailand into the Italian region of the Community exceeded 203 tonnes, being the level at which the Community could ask for consultations with a view to establishing a limit 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 this case, the two sides consulted on 6 April 1979 in pursuance of Article 6 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, Thailand agreed to limit exports to Italy as follows :

Category	Unit	Member State	1979	1980	1981	1982
37	Tonnes	Italy	2200	2250	2350	2450

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 Thailand.

Yours sincerely,

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AGREED MINUTE

1. The delegations of the Kingdom of Thailand and of the European Economic Community met on 6 April 1979 in Brussels for consultations in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Thailand and the Community initialled on 1 December 1977 and applied de facto from 1 January 1978.

2. As a result of these consultations, Thailand agreed to limit its exports of woven fabrics of regenerated textile fibres (Category 37, Nimex positions 56.07-37 to 87) to Italy to the following levels :

1979	2.200 tons
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(exceptionally, a supplementary quantity of 600 tons for 1979 only has been agreed)

1980	2.250 tons
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1981	2.350 tons
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1982	2.450 tons
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Due to a considerable increase of the base level for 1979, the two parties accepted a lower growth as compared to the provisions of Protocol C of the Agreement, for the years 1980 to 1982. This shall however not be considered a precedent for future consultations between Thailand and the Community under the bilateral Agreement.

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 woven fabrics of regenerated textile fibres from Thailand to Italy from 1 May 1979. The Italian authorities shall accept all shipments, within the above mentioned quota for 1978, leaving Thailand without export licences before 1 May 1979.

Brussels, 16. April 1979

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