

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE**

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

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/596

5 December 1980

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 existing Article 4 agreement with Thailand.^{1/} The amendment relates to new limits on exports from Thailand with respect to categories 26, 27, and 73 to the United Kingdom.

^{1/} For details of the existing agreement and previous amendments see COM.TEX/SB/455, 486, 522 and 581.

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 modification de l'accord^{1/} conclu avec la Thaïlande au titre de l'article 4. Cette modification consiste à fixer de nouveaux plafonds aux exportations thaïlandaises de produits des catégories 26, 27 et 73 à destination du Royaume-Uni.

^{1/} Pour le texte de l'accord initial et les modifications précédentes, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/455, 486, 522 et 581.

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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels JRB/gdh

21 November 1980

Directorate-General for External Relations

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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 signed on 21 July 1979, I have to inform you of the following :

During the course of 1980, imports of dresses (cat. 26), skirts (cat.27) and track-suits (cat. 73) from Thailand into the United Kingdom region of the Community exceeded 181.000 p, 71.000 p and 85.000 p respectively, being the levels at which the Community can 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 19 September 1980 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 exports to the United Kingdom as follows :

Category	Unit	Member State	1979	1980	1981	1982
26	1000 p	UK		230	244	258
27	1000 p	UK		252	267	283
73	1000 p	UK		260	276	292

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,

J.R. BECK

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AGREED MINUTE

1. Delegations of the Kingdom of Thailand and of the European Economic Community met on 15 and 19 September 1980 in Brussels for consultations in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Thailand and the Community signed on 21 July 1979.

2. As a result of the consultations, Thailand agreed to limit its exports of women's, girls' and infants' woven and knitted or crocheted dresses (Category 26, Nimexe Codes 60.05-41;42;43;44 and 61.02-48;52;53;54) to the Community's region of the United Kingdom to the following levels:-

1980	:	230.000 pieces
1981	:	244.000 pieces
1982	:	258.000 pieces

3. Similarly, Thailand agreed to limit its exports of women's, girls' and infants' woven and knitted or crocheted skirts, including divided skirts (Category 27, Nimexe Codes 60.05-51;52;54;58 and 61.02-57;58; 62) to the Community's region of the United Kingdom to the following levels:-

1980	:	252.000 pieces
1981	:	267.000 pieces
1982	:	283.000 pieces

4. Furthermore, Thailand agreed to limit its exports of tracksuits of knitted or crocheted fabric, not elastic nor rubberised (Category 73,

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Nimex Codes 60.05-16;17;19) to the Community's region of the United Kingdom to the following levels:-

1980	:	260.000 pieces
1981	:	276.000 pieces
1982	:	292.000 pieces

5. 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 of the Bilateral Agreement, in particular the licensing procedures set out in Protocol A, shall apply to exports of the above-mentioned products to the United Kingdom as from 1 October 1980.
6. It is understood that the agreed levels for Categories 26 and 27 might be subject to revision in the future in the event that the recently established classification by the Community for sets considerably modifies the existing trade patterns.

Brussels, 19 September 1980

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BASKET EXIT LIMITATION
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Category : 26 (women's, girl's and infant's
woven and knitted or crocheted
dresses)

Countries : THAILAND/UNITED KINGDOM

a) Date when new limit was agreed	-	19 September 1980
b) Basket Exit level (1.5 %) of previous year's total imports in category under consideration)	-	131,000 pieces
c) Level agreed	-	230,000 pieces
d) First year of application of new limit	-	1980
e) Annual growth	-	6%
f) Date when consultation was requested	-	-
g) Recorded imports at date of request for consultation	-	132,000 pieces
h) Period covered by g)	-	6 months 1980
i) Imports during calendar year preceding year during which consultation was requested	-	120,000 pieces

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BASKET EXIT LIMITATION

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Category : 27 (women's, girls', infant's woven and knitted or crocheted skirts)

Countries : THAILAND/UNITED KINGDOM

a) Date when new limit was agreed	-	19 September 1980
b) Basket Exit level (1.5 %) of previous year's total imports in category under consideration)	-	71.000 pieces
c) Level agreed	-	252.000 pieces
d) First year of application of new limit	-	1980
e) Annual growth	-	6%
f) Date when consultation was requested	-	31.VII.1980
g) Recorded imports at date of request for consultation	-	151.000 pieces
h) Period covered by g)	-	6 months 1980
i) Imports during calendar year preceding year during which consultation was requested	-	121.000 pieces

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BASKET EXIT LIMITATION

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Category : 73 (track-suits of knitted or crocheted fabric)

Countries : THAILAND

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| a) Date when new limit was agreed | - | 19 September 1980 |
| b) Basket Exit level (5 %) of previous year's total imports in category under consideration) | - | 85.000 pieces |
| c) Level agreed | - | 260.000 pieces |
| d) First year of application of new limit | - | 1980 |
| e) Annual growth | - | 6% |
| f) Date when consultation was requested | - | |
| g) Recorded imports at date of request for consultation | - | 130.000 pieces |
| h) Period covered by g) | - | 6 months 1980 |
| i) Imports during calendar year preceding year during which consultation was requested | - | 190.000 pieces |