

法規名稱：MINUTES OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TAIPEI AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, BANGKOK (AD.1991.01.16)

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1. To intensify and facilitate the promotion of mutual friendly and close relations, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei, and the Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok, discussed matters of mutual interest. Following conclusions were reached.
2. The Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok, was keen to promote the importation of Thai products into the Taiwan area, such as fruits, coffee beans, tapioca products, beer, liquor, etc.
3. The Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei, agreed to lower the customs import tariff rates, subject to the final approval of the Legislative Yuan, on the following items:
 - (1) Tapioca pellets - from the present 20% to 13%.
 - (2) Tapioca flour - from the present 17% or NT\$1200/MT to 13% or NT\$918/MT, depending on which is higher.
4. In addition, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei, agreed to relax restrictions on the following items:
 - (1) Fruits: importation of drains, mangosteens and rambutans were allowed without quantitative restriction. As for young coconuts, an initial annual quota of two hundred and twenty-one (221) tons, based on 1983-1985 average import quantity from Thailand, were allocated.
 - (2) Coffee beans: following the prevailing practice, Thai coffee beans (not roasted) were allowed to be imported into the Taiwan area at the customs import duty of 5%.
 - (3) Glutinous rice and flour: the restrictions on importation along with purchasing 30% of local glutinous flour for the process of products for export were lifted. The Thai glutinous rice and flour would be allowed to import according to the export-processing need of the manufactures of the Taiwan area.
 - (4) Vermicelli, pepper and roasted coffee products were allow-

ed to be imported.

5. The Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei, was enthusiastic to see its government office in Bangkok, i.e. the Far East Trade Office, to be fairly upgraded to reflect its official status (The Taipei Representative Office in Bangkok is preferable at the present time), and its personnel to be entitled to enjoy the courtesies and privileges as international organizations accorded.
6. The Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok, informed the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei, of the following Thai government decisions:
 - (1) Thai government would issue the staff members of the Far East Trade Office visas for a duration up to three years.
 - (2) Thai government would reimburse the import taxes paid to the Government of Thailand by the said office and its staff members for:
 - (a) Five (5) cars bought for official use in Thailand, and
 - (b) Cigarettes and alcohol as requested earlier by the office mentioned above.
 - (3) Staff members of the said office enjoy the privileges of entering the Bangkok International Airport as the diplomats of other countries do.
 - (4) The Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok, agreed to convey the said request in paragraph 5 to the authorities concerned in Bangkok for consideration.
7. The authorities concerned in Taipei also agreed to reciprocally accord the same privileges specified in paragraph 6 to the staff members of the Administration Office and Thai Trade Office of Thai Airways International Limited, Taipei.
8. Both parties exchanged views and information extensively and agreed to promote friendly and close relations in the fields of trade, finance, investment and tourism. The two parties also agreed to exchange information in international trade matters.
9. Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok, expressed its keen interest in

cooperation of technology transfer, particularly in the field of food processing industry, and will provide the Far East Trade Office in Bangkok with programs of activities for consideration. It was hoped that the objective would be reached.

10. Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei, expressed its interest in concluding agreements on investment protection, avoidance of double taxation and ATA Garnet agreements between the two countries and the Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok, agreed to convey the above to the authorities concerned in Bangkok.

DONE in Taipei, in duplicate, both of which are equally authentic, on this sixteenth day of January, 1991.

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