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Subject: Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Thailand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat provided for in the EU Schedule annexed to GATT 1994  
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AGREEMENT  
IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS  
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION  
AND THAILAND  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXVIII  
OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) 1994  
RELATING TO THE MODIFICATION OF CONCESSIONS  
WITH RESPECT TO PROCESSED POULTRY MEAT  
PROVIDED FOR IN THE EU SCHEDULE ANNEXED TO GATT 1994

A. Letter from the European Union

Sir,

Following negotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, relating to the modification of EU concessions with respect to processed poultry meat, I have the honour to propose the following:

1. The European Union shall incorporate in its Schedule the following modifications:

The bound rate of duty for items 1602 3230, 1602 3290 and 1602 39 shall be 2 765 €/tonne. For item 1602 3230 a tariff rate quota of 79 705 tonnes is opened, of which 14 000 tonnes shall be allocated to Thailand. The in-quota rate shall be 10,9 %.

For item 1602 3290 a tariff rate quota of 2 865 tonnes is opened, of which 2 100 tonnes shall be allocated to Thailand. The in-quota rate shall be 10,9 %.

For item 1602 3921 a tariff rate quota of 10 tonnes allocated to Thailand is opened. The in-quota rate shall be 630€/tonne.

For item 1602 3929, a tariff rate quota of 13 720 tonnes is opened, of which 13 500 tonnes shall be allocated to Thailand. The in-quota rate shall be 10,9 %.

For item 1602 3940 a tariff rate quota of 748 tonnes is opened, of which 600 tonnes shall be allocated to Thailand. The in-quota rate shall be 10,9 %.

For item 1602 3980 a tariff rate quota of 725 tonnes is opened, of which 600 tonnes shall be allocated to Thailand. The in-quota rate shall be 10,9 %.

2. Imports under the tariff rate quotas referred to in paragraph 1 shall take place on the basis of certificates of origin issued in a non-discriminatory way by the competent authorities in Thailand.
3. Consultations may be held at any time with regard to any of the above matters at the request of either Party.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the content of this letter. Should this be the case, this letter and your confirmation shall together constitute an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Thailand.

The European Union and Thailand shall notify each other the completion of their internal procedures for the entry into force of the agreement. The agreement shall enter into force 14 (fourteen) days after the date of the latest notification.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the European Union

B. Letter from Thailand

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of ..., which reads as follows:

"Following negotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, relating to the modification of EU concessions with respect to processed poultry meat, I have the honour to propose the following:

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The bound rate of duty for items 1602 3230, 1602 3290 and 1602 39 shall be 2 765 €/tonne.

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For item 1602 3940 a tariff rate quota of 748 tonnes is opened, of which 600 tonnes shall be allocated to Thailand. The in-quota rate shall be 10,9 %.

For item 1602 3980 a tariff rate quota of 725 tonnes is opened, of which 600 tonnes shall be allocated to Thailand. The in-quota rate shall be 10,9 %.

2. Imports under the tariff rate quotas referred to in paragraph 1 shall take place on the basis of certificates of origin issued in a non-discriminatory way by the competent authorities in Thailand.
3. Consultations may be held at any time with regard to any of the above matters at the request of either Party.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the content of this letter. Should this be the case, this letter and your confirmation shall together constitute an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Thailand.

The European Union and Thailand shall notify each other the completion of their internal procedures for the entry into force of the agreement. The agreement shall enter into force 14 (fourteen) days after the date of the latest notification."

I hereby have the honour to express my Government's agreement with the above letter.

For Thailand