

**PROTOCOL TO AMEND
THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR
ESTABLISHING FREE TRADE AREA
BETWEEN
THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

RECALLING the Framework Agreement for Establishing Free Trade Area between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Republic of India, done at Bangkok on October 9, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the Framework Agreement”);

SEEKING to incorporate into the Framework Agreement the Interim Rules of Origin applicable to the products covered under the Early Harvest Scheme; and

NOTING that Article 12 (4) of the Framework Agreement provides that amendments thereto shall be mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1
Amendment to the Early Harvest Scheme**

1. Article 7(2)(ii)(a) of the Framework Agreement shall be amended as follows:

“(ii) Tariff Reduction and Elimination

(a) The products covered under this Article shall be subjected to the following tariff reduction and elimination:

| Period | Tariff reduction on applied MFN tariff rates as of 1 st January 2004 |
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| 1.9.2004 – 31.8.2005 | 50% |
| 1.9.2005 – 31.8.2006 | 75% |
| 1.9.2006 | 100% |

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2. The following products shall be removed from Annex - I of the Framework Agreement:

| No. | HS. | DESCRIPTIONS |
|-----|--------|---|
| 18 | 390210 | POLYPROPYLENE, IN PRIMARY FORMS |
| 23 | 390760 | POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE IN PRIMARY FORMS |

3. Pursuant to Article 7(2)(iii) of the Framework Agreement, the Interim Rules of Origin set out in the Annex of this Protocol shall be applicable to the products covered under the Early Harvest Scheme.


ARTICLE 2
Entry into Force

4. This Protocol shall enter into force on the 31st of August, 2004.

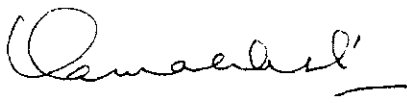
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

DONE at New Delhi this 30th day of August, 2004 in duplicate in the English language.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**


(Watana Muangsook)
Minister of Commerce

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**


(Kamal Nath)
Minister of Commerce and Industry