**Draft Points for Meeting with Thailand Amb Thani on GSP and chemicals**

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Karl,

Attached are draft points for your review. I had hoped to have the checklist before I drafted intro points, but Erland has not had a chance to draft the checklist yet. He will send tomorrow morning, and I asked him to include you in the email. I may need to tweak these points once we get the checklist.

Thanks.

Marta
BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: MEETING WITH THAI AMBASSADOR THANI THONGPHAKDI

TO: AMBASSADOR GREGG DOUD
FROM: ROGER WENTZEL, ACTING AUSTR, AGRICULTURE
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Southeast Asia regional office is coordinating a follow-up meeting with relevant USTR offices and the newly arrived Thai Ambassador Thani to better inform him of the decision made by President Trump to suspend approximately one-third of Thailand’s GSP benefits based on its shortcomings in affording internationally recognized worker rights, effective six months from the announcement on October 25. This meeting provides an opportunity for you to meet the new Thai Ambassador.

DETAILS

Date: November 22, 2019
Time: 2:00-2:45 PM
Location: 305 Winder

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BACKGROUND / AREAS OF INTEREST

GSP Pork Market Access Review, Exemption 5
Background: The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) filed a petition in April 2018 alleging that Thailand is failing to meet the GSP criterion requiring countries to provide “equitable and reasonable access” to its market and requesting USTR to withdraw or limit Thailand’s GSP benefits. In May 2018, USTR accepted NPPC’s petition. USTR, along with the U.S. interagency, has been engaging at a technical level with Thailand regularly on these issues. The most recent meetings in Bangkok were in September 2019.

Chemical Ban: Thailand is in process of forcing through a ban on three chemicals, Paraquat (herbicide), Chlorpyrifos (pesticide), and Glyphosate (herbicide). This effort is being led by the new Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Mananya Thaisathet. The Deputy Minister has successfully pushed to have the National Hazardous Substance Committee (NHSC) under the Ministry of Industry, change the status for these three herbicides from the current category 3 classification (subject to product registration and restriction on production and trade) to a category 4 classification (banned). On November 6, 2019, Thailand notified the WTO TBT Committee of its intent to implement this ban on December 1, 2019 and provided an extremely limited 15-day comment period. In accordance with a Thai Ministry of Public Health notification, it would appear...
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

- Thani Thongphakdi presented his credentials as Ambassador in August.
- Prior to the appointment, he served as Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) since February 2017.
- Thani is a career diplomat who joined the MFA in 1987. Notable postings include: Ambassador to the Thai Mission to United Nations in Geneva; Director General, the Department of Information; the MFA Spokesperson; Deputy Director General, Department of Information; and, earlier in his career, he was posted to Washington as Counselor and then Minister-Counselor for political and economic affairs (2001-2004).
- He received a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. in 1987.

ATTACHMENTS

- Talking Points
- USDA Letter from U/S McKinney to Thai Prime Minister
TALKING POINTS

• Welcome to Washington, and congratulations on your appointment as Ambassador.

Pork Market Access

• With regard to pork market access, we thank Thailand for work conducted to date on its ractopamine risk assessment and note the many years it has taken us to get to this point. As you may know, we discussed this issue at our July 2019 TIFA meeting at the September ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting in Bangkok.
We strongly urge Thailand to engage with USTR at the highest levels and take meaningful action in regards to the pork market access issue.

Chemical Ban:

- We understand that Thailand is taking action to domestically ban three herbicides: glyphosate, paraquat, and chlorpyrifos. Has Thailand conducted a risk assessment on all these chemicals that justifies this move to the banned category?

- What consideration is Thailand giving to the impact that this domestic ban will have on Thailand’s food production and food security?
Exemption 5

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- (If asked) Exemption 5

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