

RE: USSEC Comments: G/TBT/N/THA/567

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Done. Will pass along what I hear back

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No, I think that's it for now. Thanks.

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The new Amb has been doing intro meetings, and I think has additional meetings in the coming weeks. Happy to check in with Econ to see if they have thoughts on which meetings are being schedule and whether engagement would help, and can also ask if they have heard anything from Russ. I can also let him know we are planning on broader cooperation and offer to loop him in. Anything else you want me to ask?

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O.k., I get it. On that same note, the new U.S. Ambassador to Thailand...do you know if he has had his intro meetings yet? If not, would this issue (pushing for postponement of ban) be appropriate for him to bring up and, if so, at what level?

While I have suggested a call with Post, if we are going to bring in other Embassy players, it might be good if USTR were to weigh in with State/ECON to encourage interagency coordination at post. What are your thoughts on that? If Russ is not already pulling in his embassy counterparts to come up with a grand strategy, or he is and they are not biting, this could force cooperation on coming up with a strategy at post.

Lisa

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I wasn't thinking of letters – especially given experience the last time – was thinking more in person meetings in Bangkok

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We can check with Russ.

Ambassador Doud said he would sign a letter if we asked him too, but I'm a bit leery of doing that given what happened with the McKinney letter.

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Yes, I wonder if Russ thinks any engagement in Bangkok would be helpful, or if at this point too political and it will just move ahead. We can certainly proceed with the WTO route, but by then the ban would be in place

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O.k. thanks. Yes, I saw those. Thanks. The "no postponement" message was concerning.

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I heard from Betsy from Cargill on chlorpyrifos. Not sure if you saw the articles I sent from Thai press indicating that they were moving forward on June 1.

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Marta,

Julia D. heard from USSEC on the Thailand paraquat ban (see below). I was going to check in with FAS on where they are about setting up this industry/ilke-minded call that we talked about on Tuesday. Are you hearing from anyone else from industry on this?

Lisa

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Hi Lisa

Defer to you to respond on this, but let me know if I can be of help.

Julia

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Thanks Julia.

I know USDA is still gathering input and isn't likely to submit official comments until the end of the comment period, which in this case is essentially when the new regulation is set to take effect....so not all that helpful to deal with the trade uncertainty. I am getting questions from industry wondering if there is any USG position on this that they can be sharing with importers to try to mobilize more response and engagement with the Thai government. Does USTR have anything on this?

Happy to hop on a call with you and/or Lisa to discuss further.

Roz

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Thanks Roz. Lisa is following this closely.

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Julia,

Paraquat is a rather significant problem. Not sure if we will have the same success this go as we did with glyphosate in December.

Roz

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Dear MaryAnn,

Please find attached USSEC Comments regarding Thailand TBT notification 567. I will be sharing these same comments with FAS DC and Post.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best regards,

Roz

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