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This study aims to provide an understanding on the relations between the International legal system on textile trade and the Thai Textile Laws with emphasis being placed on textile trade between Thailand and European Community Countries.

A thorough examination reveals that for the last 30years, the International textile Trade has been restrained by import restrictions and prohibitions in the form of textile agreements such as the Short . Term Agreement and the Long Term Agreement.

The Current International Textile agreement is a two-level agreement: the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textile, or more familiarly known as the Multi-Fiber Agreement (MFA) is a multilateral agreement. Under Articles 3 and 4 of the MFA, member countries are given the authority to engage in bilateral agreements (in this study, agreement is made between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Thailand) in the determination of the level of restraint and other details relating to the textile trade.

Thailand's obligation under those international agreement has important bearings upon its domestic laws and regulations. It would seem that the Thai domestic law has been imposed so as to be in line with the international legal system. In this regard the legal system directly affects the textile trade in terms of investment productivity, export, import, quota allocation and utilization, the organization and administration of agencies concerned including the political economy in Thailand.

With the interactions between International Textile Agreements and the Thai domestic law and regulations. It is essential that Thailand plan out effective negotiating policies and strengthen its bargaining power by joining forces with other countries. Thailand has to enact laws and regulations to respond to such interactions in away which best benifits the Thai economy at large.