

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
633/634/635	1,352,738 dozen of which not more than 153,398 dozen shall be in Category 633 and not more than 571,665 dozen shall be in Category 635.
636	265,727 dozen.
638/639	5,266,681 dozen.
640-D ⁹	3,114,013 dozen.
640-O ¹⁰	2,595,010 dozen.
641	1,044,554 dozen of which not more than 39,456 dozen shall be in Category 641-Y ¹¹ .
643	773,856 numbers.
644	1,164,233 numbers.
645/646	3,567,066 dozen.
647/648	1,309,024 dozen.
650	24,339 dozen.
659-H ¹²	1,311,886 kilograms.
659-S ¹³	178,988 kilograms.
Group III	
831-844 and 847-859, as a group.	18,202,375 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel within Group III	
835	28,591 dozen.
Group IV	
845	2,315,056 dozen.
846	817,601 dozen.
Group VI	
369-L/670-L/870 ¹⁴ .	70,560,181 square meters equivalent.

¹ Category 224-V: only HTS numbers 5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.24.0000, 5801.25.0010, 5801.25.0020, 5801.26.0010, 5801.26.0020, 5801.31.0000, 5801.33.0000, 5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0010, 5801.35.0020, 5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020.

² Category 224-O: all remaining HTS numbers in Category 224.

³ Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090 (Category 369-L); and 5601.21.0090.

⁴ Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category 670-L).

⁵ Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁶ Category 340-D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030.

⁷ Category 359-H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060.

⁸ Category 459-W: only HTS number 6505.90.4090.

⁹ Category 640-D: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030.

¹⁰ Category 640-O: all HTS numbers except 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030 (Category 640-D).

¹¹ Category 641-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

¹² Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

¹³ Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹⁴ Category 870; Category 369-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090; Category 670-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The levels set forth above are subject to adjustment in the future according to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the ATC and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

The conversion factors for the following merged categories are listed below:

Category	Conversion factor (Square meters equivalent/category unit)
333/334/335	33.75
369-L/670-L/870	3.8
633/634/635	34.1
638/639	12.96

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Amendment Export Visa Requirements for Certain Silk Apparel and Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

November 15, 1996.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices printed on light grey guilloche paper with a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China have agreed to amend the existing export visa requirements to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices, issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China, for shipments of goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China on and after January 1, 1997, which are printed on light grey guilloche patterned background paper with a newly added dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The light grey form replaces the light green export license/commercial invoice currently in use. The visa stamp is not being changed at this time. The Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC, will continue to issue the white pre-printed replacement visa now in use.

Shipments of textile and apparel products which are produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1997 through February 28, 1997 may be accompanied by a visa printed on either the light green or light grey background paper with a dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

See 59 FR 35324, published on July 11, 1994; and 60 FR 22567, published on May 8, 1995.

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
November 15, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on July 5, 1994 and May 3, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. Those directives establish export visa arrangements for certain silk apparel and cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 1997, you are directed to amend the July 5, 1994 and May 3, 1995 directives to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued

by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on light grey guilloche patterned background paper with a newly added dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The light grey form will replace the light green form currently being used. The Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC, will continue to issue the white pre-printed replacement visa now in use.

To facilitate implementation of this amendment to the export licensing system, I request that you permit entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1997 through February 28, 1997, for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has issued an export license/commercial invoice printed on either a light green form or a light grey form with a dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Goods exported on and after March 1, 1997 must be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China only on the light grey license/invoice form with a dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Petition of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. for Exemptive Relief To Permit United States Customers To Establish or Offset Positions in Certain Foreign Currency Options on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd. Through Registered Broker-Dealers

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Extension of Comment Period.

SUMMARY: On October 2, 1996, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") issued a notice of proposed order and request for comment on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.'s petition for exemptive relief to permit United States customers to establish or offset positions in certain foreign currency options on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd. through registered broker-dealers, 61 FR 52921 (October 9, 1996). The original period

for comment was thirty days, with the deadline for the submission of comments November 8, 1996. By letter dated November 8, 1996, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Futures Industry Association have requested a thirty-day extension of the comment period. The Commission has determined to extend the comment period to December 11, 1996.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Jean A. Webb, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan C. Ervin, Deputy Director/Chief Counsel, or Christopher W. Cummings, Attorney/Advisor, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581. Telephone number: (202) 418-5450. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5536. Electronic mail: tm@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 2, 1996, the Commission issued a request for comment on the petition of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("PHLX") for exemptive relief to permit United States customers to establish or offset positions in certain foreign currency options on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd. through registered broker-dealers. On November 8, 1996, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Futures Industry Association filed a written request for a thirty-day extension of the comment period. The extension request was based on the signatories' belief that additional time was necessary to fully evaluate the merits of the PHLX's petition in light of important policy questions.

The Commission has determined to extend the period for public comment on the PHLX's petition to December 11, 1996.

Issued in Washington, DC., on November 13, 1996, by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-81-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 14, 1996.

Take notice that on November 4, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP97-81-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon a delivery point connection located in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, under National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel proposes to abandon a delivery point connection which provides service to one residential customer of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation. National Fuel states this delivery point is located along a non-jurisdictional production pipeline that will be conveyed to Contract Services, a producer of natural gas located in Pennsylvania, who will assume service obligations to this customer following conveyance of these facilities.

National Fuel advises the affected customer is aware of the proposed sale of facilities to Contract Services and does not object to this sale and the two parties have entered into an Agreement for the Transfer of Service, dated July 18, 1996. National Fuel states such transfer is subject to the approval of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request