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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Hong Kong

December 5, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs establishing
limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

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Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482-4212. For information on the
quota status of these limits, refer to the
Quota Status Reports posted on the
bulletin boards of each Customs port or
call (202) 927-5850. For information on
embargoes and quota re-openings, call
(202) 482-3715.

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); Uruguay Round Agreements
Act.

The import restraint limits for textile
products, produced or manufactured in
Hong Kong and exported during the
period January 1, 1997 through
December 31, 1997 are based on limits
notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body
pursuant to the Uruguay Round
Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing
(ATC).

In the letter published below, the
Chairman of CITA directs the
Commissioner of Customs to establish
the 1997 limits. These limits have been
increased, variously, for adjustments
permitted under the flexibility
provisions of the ATC.

A description of the textile and
apparel categories in terms of HTS
numbers is available in the
CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel
Categories with the Harmonized Tariff
Schedule of the United States (see

Federal Register notice 60 FR 65299,
published on December 19, 1995).

Information regarding the 1997
CORRELATION will be published in the
Federal Register at a later date.

The letter to the Commissioner of
Customs and the actions taken pursuant
to it are not designed to implement all
of the provisions of the Uruguay Round
Agreements Act and the ATC, but are
designed to assist only in the
implementation of certain of their
provisions.

D. Michael Hutchinson,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile
Agreements

December 5, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of
section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956,
as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Uruguay
Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing
(ATC); and in accordance with the provisions
of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972,
as amended, you are directed to prohibit,
effective on January 1, 1997, entry into the
United States for consumption and
withdrawal from warehouse for consumption
of cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and
other vegetable fiber textiles and textile
products in the following categories,
produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and
exported during the twelve-month period
beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending
through December 31, 1997, in excess of the
following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Group I 200-229, 300-326, 360-369, 400- 414, 464-469, 600-629 and 665- 670, as a group.	236,571,223 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I 219	40,765,382 square meters.
218/225/317/326	72,329,264 square meters of which not more than 3,983,614 square meters shall be in Category 218(1) ¹ (yarn dyed fabric other than denim and jac- quard).
611	6,427,213 square me- ters.
617	4,055,120 square me- ters.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Group I subgroup 200, 226/313, 314, 315, 369(1) and 604, as a group	108,370,178 square meters equivalent.
Within Group I sub- group 200	351,463 kilograms.
226/313	73,124,341 square meters.
314	19,720,758 square meters
315	9,750,009 square me- ters.
369(1) ² (shoptowels)	801,254 kilograms.
604	241,257 kilograms.
Group II 237, 239, 330-359, 431-459, 630-659 and 443/444/643/ 644/843/844(1), as a group.	861,136,621 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II 237	1,178,824 dozen.
239	5,403,886 kilograms.
331	4,213,404 dozen pairs.
333/334	299,232 dozen.
335	342,293 dozen.
338/339 ³ (shirts and blouses other than tank tops and tops, knit).	2,909,387 dozen.
338/339(1) ⁴ (tank tops and knit tops).	2,185,837 dozen.
340	2,786,045 dozen.
345	455,179 dozen.
347/348	6,749,465 dozen of which not more than 6,659,465 dozen shall be in Cat- egories 347-W/348- W ⁵ ; not more than 5,046,796 dozen shall be in Category 348-W ⁶ .
352	6,933,688 dozen.
359(1) ⁶ (coveralls, overalls and jumpsuits).	613,340 kilograms.
359(2) ⁷ (vests)	1,278,325 kilograms.
433	10,359 dozen.
434	11,121 dozen.
435	76,592 dozen.
436	99,757 dozen.
438	819,284 dozen.
442	91,889 dozen.
443	62,939 numbers.
444	41,607 numbers.
445/446	1,354,168 dozen.
447/448	68,101 dozen.
631	654,264 dozen pairs.
633/634/635	1,342,208 dozen of which not more than 502,016 dozen shall be in Categories 633/634 and not more than 1,030,664 dozen shall be in Category 635.
638/639	4,884,258 dozen.
641	843,978 dozen.
644	44,376 numbers.
645/646	1,338,683 dozen.
647	544,261 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit	
648	1,159,658 dozen of which not more than 1,144,868 dozen shall be in Category 648—W ⁴ .	⁴ Category 338/339(1): only HTS numbers 6109.10.0018, 6109.10.0023, 6109.10.0060, 6109.10.0065, 6114.20.0005 and 6114.20.0010.
649	837,944 dozen.	⁵ Category 347—W: only HTS numbers 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.22.3030, 6203.42.4005, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.42.4050, 6203.42.4060, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348—W: only HTS numbers 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.22.3050, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.62.4050, 6204.62.4055, 6204.62.4065, 6204.69.6010, 6204.69.9010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.20.6810, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.
650	173,283 dozen.	⁶ Category 359(1): only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010.
652	4,935,766 dozen.	⁷ Category 359(2): only HTS numbers 6103.19.2030, 6103.19.9030, 6104.12.0040, 6104.19.8040, 6110.20.1022, 6110.20.1024, 6110.20.2030, 6110.20.2035, 6110.90.9044, 6110.90.9046, 6201.92.2010, 6202.92.2020, 6203.19.1030, 6203.19.9030, 6204.12.0040, 6204.19.8040, 6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070.
659(1) ⁹ (coveralls, overalls and jumpsuits).	677,901 kilograms.	⁸ Category 648—W: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0040, 6204.23.0045, 6204.29.2020, 6204.29.2025, 6204.29.4038, 6204.63.2000, 6204.63.3000, 6204.63.3510, 6204.63.3530, 6204.63.3532, 6204.63.3540, 6204.69.2510, 6204.69.2530, 6204.69.2540, 6204.69.2560, 6204.69.6030, 6204.69.9030, 6210.50.5035, 6211.20.1555, 6211.20.6820, 6211.43.0040 and 6217.90.9060.
659(2) ¹⁰ (swimsuits) 443/444/643/644/843/844(1) (made-to-measure suits).	276,711 kilograms. 57,573 numbers.	⁹ Category 659(1): only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.
Group II subgroup 336,341, 342, 350, 351, 636, 640, 642 and 651, as a group.	156,179,899 square meters equivalent.	¹⁰ Category 659(2): 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.
Within Group II subgroup		¹¹ Category 845(1): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2074, 6104.29.2079, 6110.90.9024, 6110.90.9042 and 6117.90.9015.
336	227,679 dozen.	¹² Category 845(2): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2070, 6104.29.2077, 6110.90.9022 and 6110.90.9040.
341	2,820,117 dozen.	¹³ Category 846(1): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2068, 6104.29.2075, 6110.90.9020 and 6110.90.9038.
342	556,399 dozen.	¹⁴ Category 846(2): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2066, 6104.29.2073, 6110.90.9018 and 6110.90.9036.
350	138,726 dozen.	
351	1,191,090 dozen.	
636	306,415 dozen.	
640	955,148 dozen.	
642	243,673 dozen.	
651	331,841 dozen.	
Group III 831–844 and 847–859, as a group.	47,734,699 square meters equivalent.	
Sublevels in Group III		
834	12,470 dozen.	
835	113,138 dozen.	
836	164,764 dozen.	
840	672,047 dozen.	
842	261,475 dozen.	
847	360,912 dozen.	
Limits not in a group		
845(1) ¹¹ (sweaters made in Hong Kong).	1,127,831 dozen.	
845(2) ¹² (sweaters assembled in Hong Kong from knit-to-shape components, knit elsewhere).	2,699,599 dozen.	
846(1) ¹³ (sweaters made in Hong Kong).	182,381 dozen.	
846(2) ¹⁴ (sweaters assembled in Hong Kong from knit-to-shape components, knit elsewhere).	439,469 dozen.	

¹Category 218(1): all HTS numbers except 5209.42.0060, 5209.42.0080, 5211.42.0060, 5211.42.0080, 5514.32.0015 and 5516.43.0015.

²Category 369(1): only HTS numbers 6307.10.2005.

³Categories 338/339: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0018, 6109.10.0023, 6109.10.0060, 6109.10.0065, 6114.20.0005 and 6114.20.0010.

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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 limits set forth above are subject to adjustment in the future pursuant 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 merged Categories 333/334, 633/634/635 and 638/639 are 33, 33.90 and 13, respectively.

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

December 5, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927–5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482–3715.

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 Bilateral Textile Agreement, effected by exchange of notes dated May 30 and June 1, 1986, as amended and extended, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated November 6, 1996, between the Governments of the United States and Nepal establish limits for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

These limits are subject to revision pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). On the date that Nepal becomes a member of the World Trade Organization the restraint limits will be modified in accordance with the ATC.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the