

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 5, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on November 18, 1999, you are directed to adjust the limits for the categories listed below for the period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999.

| Category  | Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------|--|
| 433 ..... | 26,281 dozen.                            |
| 633 ..... | 150,770 dozen.                           |

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

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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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

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

November 8, 1999.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, 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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For

information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to 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 2000 limits. Some limits are being reduced for carryforward applied to 1999.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Information regarding the 2000 **CORRELATION** will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 8, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000, in excess of the following limits:

| Category  | Twelve-month restraint limit          |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Fabric Group<br>218-220, 225-227,<br>313-326, 611-O <sup>1</sup> ,<br>613/614/615/617,<br>619 and 620, as a<br>group. | 146,200,755 square meters equivalent. |

| Category                   | Twelve-month restraint limit   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Sublevels within the group |  |
| 218 .....                  | 8,388,281 square meters.   |
| 219 .....                  | 40,636,560 square meters.  |
| 220 .....                  | 40,636,560 square meters.  |
| 225 .....                  | 40,636,560 square meters.  |
| 226 .....                  | 40,636,560 square meters.  |
| 227 .....                  | 40,636,560 square meters.  |
| 313 .....                  | 48,465,622 square meters.  |
| 314 .....                  | 58,307,808 square meters.  |
| 315 .....                  | 40,636,560 square meters.  |
| 317 .....                  | 40,636,560 square meters.  |
| 326 .....                  | 7,858,195 square meters.   |
| 611-O .....                | 4,714,917 square meters.   |
| 613/614/615/617 .....      | 46,646,248 square meters.  |
| 619 .....                  | 6,286,557 square meters.   |
| 620 .....                  | 7,858,195 square meters.   |
| Other specific limits      |  |
| 200 .....                  | 353,729 kilograms.   |
| 237 .....                  | 475,941 dozen.   |
| 300/301 .....              | 3,751,697 kilograms.   |
| 331/631 .....              | 2,575,860 dozen pairs.   |
| 333/334/335/835 .....      | 295,398 dozen of which not more than 177,239 dozen shall be in Category 333 and not more than 177,239 dozen shall be in Category 835.                                      |
| 336/636 .....              | 573,519 dozen.   |
| 338/339 .....              | 1,343,404 dozen.   |
| 340/640 .....              | 1,656,224 dozen.   |
| 341/641 .....              | 2,146,528 dozen of which not more than 765,775 dozen shall be in Category 341.   |
| 342/642/842 .....          | 514,140 dozen.   |
| 345 .....                  | 197,156 dozen.   |
| 347/348 .....              | 569,337 dozen.   |
| 350/650 .....              | 185,419 dozen.   |
| 351/651 .....              | 319,026 dozen.   |
| 363 .....                  | 4,997,811 numbers.   |
| 435 .....                  | 15,891 dozen.  |
| 438-W <sup>2</sup> .....   | 13,004 dozen.  |
| 442 .....                  | 19,365 dozen.  |
| 445/446 .....              | 30,738 dozen.  |
| 604 .....                  | 1,645,035 kilograms.   |
| 634/635 .....              | 1,001,848 dozen.   |
| 638/639 .....              | 590,163 dozen.   |
| 645/646 .....              | 451,392 dozen.   |
| 647/648 .....              | 2,124,203 dozen of which not more than 1,486,940 dozen shall be in Category 647-K <sup>3</sup> and not more than 1,486,940 dozen shall be in Category 648-K <sup>4</sup> . |

| Category  | Twelve-month restraint limit            |
|---|---|
| Group II<br>201, 222-224,<br>239pt. <sup>5</sup> , 332, 352,<br>359pt. <sup>6</sup> , 360-362,<br>369pt. <sup>7</sup> , 400-431,<br>433, 434, 436,<br>438-O <sup>8</sup> , 440, 443,<br>444, 447, 448,<br>459pt. <sup>9</sup> , 464,<br>469pt. <sup>10</sup> , 600-<br>603, 606, 607,<br>618, 621, 622,<br>624-629, 633,<br>643, 644, 649,<br>652, 659pt. <sup>11</sup> ,<br>666, 669pt. <sup>12</sup> ,<br>670, 831, 833,<br>834, 836, 838,<br>840, 843-858 and<br>859pt. <sup>13</sup> , as a<br>group. | 45,309,145 square<br>meters equivalent. |

<sup>1</sup>Category 611-O: all HTS numbers except 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025 and 5516.14.0085

<sup>2</sup>Category 438-W: only HTS numbers 6104.21.0060, 6104.23.0020, 6104.29.2051, 6106.20.1010, 6106.20.1020, 6106.90.1010, 6106.90.1020, 6106.90.2520, 6106.90.3020, 6109.90.1540, 6109.90.8020, 6110.10.2080, 6110.30.1560, 6110.90.9074 and 6114.10.0040.

<sup>3</sup>Category 647-K: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0040, 6103.23.0045, 6103.29.1020, 6103.29.1030, 6103.43.1520, 6103.43.1540, 6103.43.1550, 6103.43.1570, 6103.49.1020, 6103.49.1060, 6103.49.8014, 6112.12.0050, 6112.19.1050, 6112.20.1060 and 6113.00.9044.

<sup>4</sup>Category 648-K: only HTS numbers 6104.23.0032, 6104.23.0034, 6104.29.1030, 6104.29.1040, 6104.29.2038, 6104.63.2006, 6104.63.2011, 6104.63.2026, 6104.63.2028, 6104.63.2030, 6104.63.2060, 6104.69.2030, 6104.69.2060, 6104.69.8026, 6112.12.0060, 6112.19.1060, 6112.20.1070, 6113.00.9052 and 6117.90.9070.

<sup>5</sup>Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

<sup>6</sup>Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1550.

<sup>7</sup>Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700.

<sup>8</sup>Category 438-O: only HTS numbers 6103.21.0050, 6103.23.0025, 6105.20.1000, 6105.90.1000, 6105.90.8020, 6109.90.1520, 6110.10.2070, 6110.30.1550, 6110.90.9072, 6114.10.0020 and 6117.90.9025.

<sup>9</sup>Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6405.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

<sup>10</sup>Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

<sup>11</sup>Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.

<sup>12</sup>Category 669pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040.

<sup>13</sup>Category 859pt.: only HTS numbers 6115.19.8040, 6117.10.6020, 6212.10.5030, 6212.10.9040, 6212.20.0030, 6212.30.0030, 6212.90.0090, 6214.10.2000 and 6214.90.0090.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported during 1999 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see the November 3, 1998 directive) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

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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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

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

November 9, 1999.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 17, 1999.

**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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 64069, published on November 18, 1998.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 9, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 12, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on November 17, 1999, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and Nepal:

| Category                 | Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------------------|--|
| 341 .....                | 1,041,884 dozen.                         |
| 342/642 .....            | 242,385 dozen.                           |
| 363 .....                | 7,741,604 numbers.                       |
| 369-S <sup>2</sup> ..... | 1,012,099 kilograms.                     |

<sup>1</sup>The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

<sup>2</sup>Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

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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