

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Availability of the Correlation: Textile and Apparel Categories With the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for 2000

December 17, 1999.

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

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) announces that the 2000 Correlation, based on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, will be available in December 1999 as part of the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) CD-Rom publications.

The CD ROM may be purchased from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., room H3100, Washington, DC 20230, ATTN: Barbara Anderson, at a cost of \$25. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Correlation is also available on the OTEXA website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of an Import Limit for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Belarus

December 17, 1999.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, 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 reopenings, 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.

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 1999 (64 FR 51962) announced that the Government of the United States had requested consultations with the Government of Belarus with respect to glass fiber fabric in Category 622, produced or manufactured in Belarus, and that, if no solution was agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Belarus, the Government of the United States reserved its right to establish a twelve-month limit of not less than 6,480,552 square meters for the entry for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of glass fiber fabric in Category 622, produced or manufactured in Belarus.

As no solution was agreed upon in consultations, the Government of the United States has decided to limit imports in this category for the twelve-month period beginning on September 17, 1999 and extending through September 16, 2000.

The United States remains committed to finding a mutual solution concerning Category 622. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Belarus, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

This limit may be revised if Belarus becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Belarus.

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** which is published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 17, 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; you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of glass fiber fabric products in Category 622, produced or manufactured in Belarus and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on September 17, 1999 and extending through September 16, 2000, in excess of 6,480,552 square meters.¹

Textile products in Category 622 which have been exported to the United States prior to September 17, 1999 shall not be subject to this directive.

Textile products in this category which have been released from the custody of the U.S. Customs Service under the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1448(b) or 1484(a)(1) prior to the effective date of this directive shall not be denied entry under this directive.

This limit may be revised if Belarus becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Belarus.

Import charges will be provided at a later date.

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 this action falls 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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¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any import exported after September 16, 1999.