

Therefore, we find that each of these four cases is extraordinarily complicated as described below.

#### *Argentina*

The Argentine investigation is extraordinarily complicated because a number of the alleged countervailable subsidies practices are complex or novel. For example, the Department must analyze complicated equity and debt assumption issues, involving multiple transactions, and conduct extensive and complex financial analysis. In addition, the Department is examining a "committed investment" which requires the examination of complicated circumstances and documents surrounding the privatization of the respondent. Furthermore, the Department is analyzing significant amounts of information in order to determine whether the respondent was "creditworthy" when the government provided equity and loans to the company (*i.e.*, whether a private investor would have provided the types of financing that the government provided) and/or was "equityworthy" when the government made certain equity infusions (*i.e.*, examining the government's investment decision against that of a private investor). In making these decisions, the Department must also determine the extent to which the particular countervailable subsidies are used by the individual respondent producers/exporters.

#### *Brazil*

The Brazilian investigation is extraordinarily complicated by reason of the number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy practices. The Department has to reexamine the privatization of Brazilian mills under its new change-in-ownership methodology, which will involve the analysis of complicated circumstances and documents. In addition, petitioners have submitted additional allegations of new programs involving complex issues which will require novel and detailed analysis. In making these decisions, the Department must also determine the extent to which the particular countervailable subsidies are used by the individual respondent producers/exporters.

#### *France*

The French investigation is extraordinarily complicated because a number of the alleged programs are complex or novel. For example, the Department must analyze complicated equity and loan financing issues, involving extensive and complex

financial analysis. The shareholder advance allegation will require the Department to delve into the investment decision process of the government. In addition, the Department is examining novel tax issues, involving tax benefits for foreign branches. Also, the Department will be analyzing several programs that have never been examined before or were deferred in a previous case, including government advances for SODIs, funding for electric arc furnaces, and a repayable grant to Sollac for "pre-coating" technology. Finally, the Department will be examining several allegations that the European Union provided new, additional funding to programs that were previously found not to be used on several occasions, requiring the Department to re-analyze the countervailability of some of these programs.

#### *The Republic of Korea*

The Korean investigation is extraordinarily complicated due to the number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy practices. Specifically, there are nineteen programs which the Department is investigating, which involve numerous and complicated issues. Over one-fourth of these programs have never been investigated before and present novel issues, and over one-half of these programs require a significant amount of information and complex analysis, such as the various tax exemptions and credit programs. In addition, the subsidized infrastructure and R&D allegations are complex, and require various types of data and information. In making these decisions, the Department must also determine the extent to which the particular countervailable subsidies are used by the individual respondent producers/exporters.

Accordingly, we deem these investigations to be extraordinarily complicated and determine, with regard to the third requirement noted above, that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determinations. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations to January 28, 2002.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

#### **Richard W. Moreland,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## **COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

### **Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain 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**

December 4, 2001.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 10, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Unger, 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 increased for carryforward.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 81846, published on December 27, 2000.

#### **D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

#### **Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

December 4, 2001.

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 December 20, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products,

produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on December 10, 2001, you are directed to increase the 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 the People's Republic of China:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
<b>Sublevels in Group I</b>	
200	845,614 kilograms.
218	12,656,591 square meters.
237	2,315,711 dozen.
313	47,207,417 square meters.
314	56,352,424 square meters.
315	141,936,331 square meters.
317/326	24,719,048 square meters of which not more than 4,685,451 square meters shall be in Category 326.
331	5,826,384 dozen pairs.
334	362,498 dozen.
335	423,568 dozen.
336	197,343 dozen.
338/339	2,545,931 dozen of which not more than 1,932,640 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S <sup>2</sup> .
340	869,692 dozen of which not more than 434,845 dozen shall be in Category 340-Z <sup>3</sup> .
341	753,581 dozen of which not more than 439,590 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y <sup>4</sup> .
342	296,652 dozen.
345	139,912 dozen.
347/348	2,544,403 dozen.
351	646,055 dozen.
352	1,794,941 dozen.
359-V <sup>4</sup>	1,001,152 kilograms.
360	8,984,782 numbers of which not more than 6,128,490 numbers shall be in Category 360-P <sup>5</sup> .
361	4,903,526 numbers.
362	8,144,309 numbers.
363	24,053,920 numbers.
433	22,745 dozen.
434	14,543 dozen.
435	26,712 dozen.
438	28,797 dozen.
442	43,550 dozen.
443	140,697 numbers.
445/446	311,712 dozen.
447	77,031 dozen.
631	1,490,680 dozen pairs.
633	65,064 dozen.
634	707,861 dozen.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
635	746,670 dozen.
636	608,711 dozen.
638/639	2,684,688 dozen.
640	1,512,506 dozen.
641	1,432,787 dozen.
642	385,198 dozen.
643	575,784 numbers.
644/844	4,061,951 numbers.
645/646	894,653 dozen.
647	1,730,578 dozen.
648	1,236,487 dozen.
651	878,123 dozen of which not more than 150,305 dozen shall be in Category 651-B <sup>6</sup> .
652	3,209,352 dozen.
659-C <sup>7</sup>	464,888 kilograms.
659-H <sup>8</sup>	3,239,176 kilograms.
666	4,026,236 kilograms.
845	2,543,417 dozen.
<b>Group II</b>	
330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O <sup>9</sup> , 431, 432, 439, 459, 630, 632, 653, 654 and 659-O <sup>10</sup> , as a group.	136,222,783 square meters equivalent.
<b>Group III</b>	
201, 220, 222, 223, 224-V <sup>11</sup> , 224-O <sup>12</sup> , 225, 227, 229, 369-O <sup>13</sup> , 400, 414, 464, 465, 469, 600, 603, 604-O <sup>14</sup> , 606, 618-622, 624-629, 665, 669-O <sup>15</sup> and 670-O <sup>16</sup> , as a group.	282,573,291 square meters equivalent.
<b>Group IV</b>	
832, 834, 838, 839, 843, 850-852, 858 and 859, as a group.	13,396,518 square meters equivalent.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Category 338-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0012, 6109.10.0014, 6109.10.0018 and 6109.10.0023; Category 339-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0040, 6109.10.0045, 6109.10.0060 and 6109.10.0065.

<sup>3</sup> Category 340-Z: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060.

<sup>4</sup> Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

<sup>5</sup> Category 360-P: only HTS numbers 6302.21.3010, 6302.21.5010, 6302.21.7010, 6302.21.9010, 6302.31.3010, 6302.31.5010, 6302.31.7010 and 6302.31.9010.

<sup>6</sup> Category 651-B: only HTS numbers 6107.22.0015 and 6108.32.0015.

<sup>7</sup> Category 659-C: 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except 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, 6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C); 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 (Category 359-V).

<sup>10</sup> Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H); 6112.31.0010, 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 (Category 659-S).

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> Category 224-O: all HTS numbers except 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 (Category 224-V).

<sup>13</sup> Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045 (Category 369-D); 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500, 4202.22.8030 (Category 369-H); 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091 and 6307.90.9905 (Category 369-L); and 6307.10.2005 (Category 369S).

<sup>14</sup> Category 604-O: all HTS numbers except 5509.32.0000 (Category 604-A).

<sup>15</sup> Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P).

<sup>16</sup> Category 670-O: only HTS numbers 4202.22.4030, 4202.22.8050 and 4202.32.9550.

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

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