

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Macau and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Pursuant to the provisions of the ATC, the second stage of the integration commences on January 1, 1998 (see 60 FR 21075, published on May 1, 1995). Accordingly, certain previously restrained categories may have been modified or eliminated. Integrated products will no longer be subject to quota. CITA has informed Macau of its intent to continue the bilateral visa arrangement for those products.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1998 limits. The limits for certain categories have been reduced for carryforward applied to the 1997 limits.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 62 FR 51832, published on October 3, 1997. Information regarding the 1998 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**

December 9, 1997.

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, 1998, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Macau and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Levels in Group I	
219 .....	2,954,722 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
225 .....	10,341,527 square meters.
313 .....	7,386,805 square meters.
314 .....	1,231,134 square meters.
315 .....	3,693,403 square meters.
317 .....	7,386,805 square meters.
326 .....	2,954,722 square meters.
333/334/335/833/834/835.	290,585 dozen of which not more than 153,070 dozen shall be in Categories 333/335/833/835.
336/836 .....	66,619 dozen.
338 .....	353,663 dozen.
339 .....	1,481,367 dozen.
340 .....	336,030 dozen.
341 .....	215,902 dozen.
342 .....	97,673 dozen.
345 .....	59,725 dozen.
347/348/847 .....	837,111 dozen.
350/850 .....	68,874 dozen.
351/851 .....	78,140 dozen.
359-C/659-C <sup>1</sup> .....	390,694 kilograms.
359-V <sup>2</sup> .....	130,232 kilograms.
611 .....	2,954,722 square meters.
625/626/627/628/629	7,386,805 square meters.
633/634/635 .....	581,749 dozen.
638/639/838 .....	1,811,583 dozen.
640 .....	136,242 dozen.
641/840 .....	234,164 dozen.
642/842 .....	136,426 dozen.
645/646 .....	319,364 dozen.
647/648 .....	644,254 dozen.
659-S <sup>3</sup> .....	137,250 kilograms.
Group II	
400-431, 433-438, 440-448, 459pt. <sup>4</sup> and 469pt. <sup>5</sup> , as a group.	1,477,266 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel in Group II	
445/446 .....	78,669 dozen.

<sup>1</sup>Category 359-C: 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; 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, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

<sup>2</sup>Category 359-V: 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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

<sup>5</sup>Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

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 1997 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 20, 1996) 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.

Products for integration in 1998 listed in the **Federal Register** notice published on May 1, 1995 (60 FR 21075) which are exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable limits to the extent of any unfilled balances. After January 1, 1998, should those unfilled balances be exhausted, such products shall no longer be charged to any limit, due to integration of these products into GATT 1994.

CITA has informed Macau of its intent to continue the bilateral visa arrangement for those products. An export visa will continue to be required, if applicable, for products integrated on and after January 1, 1998, before entry is permitted into the United States.

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

### Increase of an Import Restraint Level for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mexico

December 12, 1997

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a level.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 17, 1997.

**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 this level, 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:** 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 Government of the United States has agreed to increase the 1997 consultation level for Categories 347/348/647/648 to 690,000 dozen.

This level does not apply to NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement) originating goods, as defined in Annex 300-B, Chapter 4 and Annex 401 of the agreement. In addition, this consultation level does not apply to textile and apparel goods that are assembled in Mexico from fabrics wholly formed and cut in the United States and exported from and re-imported into the United States under U.S. tariff item 9802.00.90.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 20, 1996). Also see 61 FR 54986, published on October 23, 1996.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 12, 1997.

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 October 17, 1996, 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 Mexico and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997. The levels established in that directive do not apply to NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement) originating goods, as defined in Annex 300-B, Chapter 4 and Annex 401 of NAFTA or to goods assembled in Mexico from fabrics wholly formed and cut in the United States and exported from and re-imported into the United States under U.S. tariff item 9802.00.90.

Effective on December 17, 1997, you are directed to increase the level for Categories

347/348/647/648 to 690,000 dozen<sup>1</sup>, pursuant to exchange of letters dated December 5, 1997 and provisions of the NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement).

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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#### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

#### Textile and Apparel Categories With the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States; Changes to the 1997 Correlation

December 11, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Changes to the 1997 Correlation

**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 Correlation: Textile and Apparel Categories based on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (1997) presents the harmonized tariff numbers under each of the cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber categories used by the United States in monitoring imports of these textile products and in the administration of the textile program. The Correlation should be amended to include the following changes:

#### Changes to the 1997 Correlation

The following changes for certain discharged printed cotton fabrics were effective on October 1, 1997:

Category 313

Delete 5208.52.3040.

Add 5208.52.3035—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>, of number 42 or lower number, sheeting, discharge printed.

#### Changes to the 1997 Correlation

Add 5208.52.3045—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>, of number 42 or lower number, sheeting, other than discharge printed.

Delete 5208.52.4040.

Add 5208.52.4035—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>, of numbers 43 to 68, sheeting, discharge printed.

Add 5208.52.4045—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>, of numbers 43 to 68, sheeting, other than discharge printed.

Delete 5209.51.6030.

Add 5209.51.6032—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, plain weave, sheeting, not napped, discharge printed.

Add 5209.51.6035—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, plain weave, sheeting, not napped, other than discharge printed.

Category 314

Delete 5209.51.6020.

Add 5209.51.6015—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, plain weave, poplin or broadcloth, discharge printed.

Add 5209.51.6025—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, plain weave, poplin or broadcloth, other than discharge printed.

Category 315

Delete 5208.52.4060.

Add 5208.52.4055—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>, of numbers 43 to 68, printcloth, discharge printed.

Add 5208.52.4065—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>, of numbers 43 to 68, printcloth, other than discharged printed.

Category 317

Delete 5208.59.2090.

Add 5208.59.2085—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing not more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, other fabrics, satin weave or twill weave, other than sateens, discharged printed.

Add 5208.59.2095—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing not more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, other fabrics, satin weave or twill weave, other than sateens, other than discharged printed.

Category 326

Delete 5208.59.2020.

<sup>1</sup> The level has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.