

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.

## Changes to the 1997 Correlation

Add 5208.59.2015—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, sateens, discharged printed.

Add 5208.59.2025—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, sateens, other than discharge printed.

Delete 5209.59.0020.

Add 5209.59.0015—Woven fabrics, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, printed, other fabrics, satin weave or twill weave, sateens, discharge printed.

Add 5209.59.0025—Woven fabrics, containing 85 percent or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, printed, other fabrics, satin weave or twill weave, sateens, other than discharge printed.

Delete 5211.59.0020.

Add 5211.59.0015—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing less than 85 percent by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibers, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, printed, other fabrics, satin weave or twill weave, sateens, discharge printed.

Add 5211.59.0025—Woven fabrics of cotton, containing less than 85 percent by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibers, weighing more than 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, printed, other fabrics, satin weave or twill weave, sateens, other than discharge printed.

The following changes were effective on August 1, 1997:

Category 622

Delete 7019.40.4000.

Add 7019.40.4030—Other woven fiberglass fabrics, not colored, silica filament fabric of filaments with a silica content greater than 93 percent.

Add 7019.40.4060—Other woven fiberglass fabrics, not colored, other than silica filament fabric of filaments with a silica content greater than 93 percent.

Delete 7019.40.9000.

Add 7019.40.9030—Other colored woven fiberglass fabrics, silica filament fabric of filaments with a silica containing greater than 93 percent.

Add 7019.40.9060—Other colored woven fiberglass fabrics, other than silica filament fabric of filaments with a silica containing greater than 93 percent.

Category 359

Delete 6117.80.9010.

Replace with 6117.80.9510—definition remains unchanged.

Delete 6217.10.9010.

Replace with 6217.10.9510—definition remains unchanged.

Category 459

Delete 6117.80.9020.

Replace with 6117.80.9520—definition remains unchanged.

Delete 6117.80.9030.

Replace with 6117.80.9530—definition remains unchanged.

## Changes to the 1997 Correlation

Delete 6217.10.9020.

Replace with 6217.10.9520—definition remains unchanged.

Category 659

Delete 6117.80.9040.

Replace with 6117.80.9540—definition remains unchanged.

Delete 6217.10.9030.

Replace with 6217.10.9530—definition remains unchanged.

Category 859

Delete 6117.80.9070.

Replace with 6117.80.9570—definition remains unchanged.

Delete 6217.10.9050.

Replace with 6217.10.9550—definition remains unchanged.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

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## 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 1998

December 12, 1997.

**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 1998 Correlation, based on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, will be available either in December 1997 or January 1998 as part of the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) CD-Rom of 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.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Extension of Temporary Amendment to the Requirements for Participating in the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Countries

December 11, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs extending amendment of requirements for participation in the Special Access Program for a temporary period.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 23, 1997.

**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:

**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 and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1997 (62 FR 35788) announced the temporary amendment to the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings under the Special Access Program. By date of export, the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings, including elastic strips of less than one inch in width, under the Special Access Program was temporarily amended to include non-U.S. formed, U.S. cut interlinings for the period June 23, 1997 through December 22, 1997 for women's and girls' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 435, 444, 635 and 644. This amendment is being extended for a one-year period beginning on December 23, 1997 and extending through December 22, 1998 for women's and girls' suit jackets and suit-type jackets entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015) provided they are cut in the United States and are of a type described below:

(1) A chest type plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or welf-inserted warp knit construction of