

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Increase of a Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Costa Rica

September 23, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998.

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 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.

Upon a request from the Government of Costa Rica, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current guaranteed access level for Categories 347/348.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 63520, published on December 1, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 23, 1998.

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 24, 1997, 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 Costa Rica and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on October 1, 1998, you are directed to increase the guaranteed access level (GAL) for Categories 347/348 to 2,300,000 dozen.

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

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 Indonesia

September 23, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 29, 1998.

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 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 current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, carryforward and special shift.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also

see 62 FR 67625, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 23, 1998.

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 19, 1997, 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 Indonesia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on September 29, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the categories listed below, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
225	5,927,160 square meters.
300/301	4,292,381 kilograms.
315-O ²	31,562,638 square meters.
317-O/617/326-O ³	29,016,274 square meters of which not more than 3,834,249 square meters shall be in Category 326-O.
331/631	2,178,543 dozen pairs.
336/636	686,063 dozen.
338/339	1,326,384 dozen.
340/640	1,667,864 dozen.
345	477,203 dozen.
347/348	1,956,570 dozen.
350/650	164,570 dozen.
351/651	526,160 dozen.
359-C/659-C ⁴	1,482,822 kilograms.
359-S/659-S ⁵	828,505 kilograms.
361	1,311,615 numbers.
369-S ⁶	960,227 kilograms.
445/446	57,767 dozen.
447	9,072 dozen.
448	20,264 dozen.
613/614/615	22,756,161 square meters.
618-O ⁷	1,100,005 square meters.
619/620	9,234,812 square meters.
638/639	1,596,089 dozen.
641	1,568,347 dozen.
643	222,785 numbers.
644	302,130 numbers.
645/646	863,624 dozen.
847	144,054 dozen.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Group II	
201, 218, 220, 222–224, 226, 227, 237, 239pt. ⁸ , 332, 333, 352, 359–O ⁹ , 362, 363, 369–O ¹⁰ , 400, 410, 414, 431, 434, 435, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 459pt. ¹¹ , 464, 469pt. ¹² , 603, 604–O ¹³ , 606, 607, 621, 622, 624, 633, 649, 652, 659–O ¹⁴ , 666, 669–O ¹⁵ , 670–O ¹⁶ , 831, 833–836, 838, 840, 842–846, 850–852, 858 and 859pt. ¹⁷ , as a group.	101,546,468 square meters equivalent.
Subgroup in Group II	
400, 410, 414, 431, 434, 435, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 459pt., 464 and 469pt., as a group.	3,341,427 square meters equivalent.
In Group II subgroup	
435	52,458 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

² Category 315–O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

³ Category 617; Category 317–O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085; Category 326–O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.

⁴ 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, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

⁵ Category 359–S: only HTS numbers 6112.39.0010, 6112.49.0010, 6211.11.8010, 6211.11.8020, 6211.12.8010 and 6211.12.8020; 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.

⁶ Category 369–S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

⁷ Category 618–O: all HTS numbers except 5408.24.9010 and 5408.24.9040.

⁸ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁹ 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 and 6211.42.0010 (Category 359–C); 6112.39.0010, 6112.49.0010, 6211.11.8010, 6211.11.8020, 6211.12.8010 and 6211.12.8020 (Category 359–S) and 6406.99.1550 (Category 359pt.).

¹⁰ Category 369–O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369–S); 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 (Category 369pt.).

¹¹ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

¹² Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

¹³ Category 604–O: all HTS numbers except 5509.32.0000 (Category 604–A).

¹⁴ 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, 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 (Category 659–C); 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 (Category 659–S); 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540 (Category 659pt.).

¹⁵ 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); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040 (Category 669pt.).

¹⁶ Category 670–O: All HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907 (Category 670–L).

¹⁷ 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 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).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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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

September 23, 1998.

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: September 23, 1998.

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 March 24, 1998 (63 FR 14071) 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 March 22, 1998 through September 22, 1998 for men's and boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643. In the aggregate, such interlinings, findings and trimmings must not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the components of the assembled article. This amendment is being extended for the final time for the period beginning on September 23, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998 for men's and boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643 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 weft-inserted warp knit fabric which contains and exhibits properties of elasticity and resilience which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermoplastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.