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Dated: May 12, 2000.

**Louisa Koch,**

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Dated: May 10, 2000.

**Cathleen Short,**

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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

May 15, 2000.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 19, 2000.

**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.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 adjusted for carryforward used.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 69228, published on December 10, 1999.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 15, 2000.

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 6, 1999, 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, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on May 19, 2000, you are directed to adjust 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>
Sublevels in Group I	
315 .....	134,267,555 square meters.
336 .....	176,630 dozen.
338/339 .....	2,340,182 dozen of which not more than 1,727,430 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S <sup>2</sup> .
341 .....	684,724 dozen of which not more than 415,540 shall be in Category 341-Y <sup>3</sup> .
342 .....	269,911 dozen.
345 .....	128,000 dozen.
347/348 .....	2,302,424 dozen.
351 .....	567,560 dozen.
352 .....	1,642,583 dozen.
360 .....	8,076,935 numbers of which not more than 5,369,811 shall be in Category 360-P <sup>4</sup> .
361 .....	4,343,917 numbers.
362 .....	7,264,329 numbers.
443 .....	129,225 numbers.
445/446 .....	284,457 dozen.
447 .....	69,344 dozen.
640 .....	1,359,055 dozen.
647 .....	1,539,516 dozen.
648 .....	1,107,760 dozen.
649 .....	961,354 dozen.
651 .....	787,814 dozen of which not more than 140,341 dozen shall be in Category 651-B <sup>5</sup> .
659-S <sup>6</sup> .....	637,529 kilograms

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
Group II 330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O <sup>7</sup> , 431, 432, 439, 459, 630, 632, 653, 654 and 659-O <sup>8</sup> , as a group.	125,767,893 square meters equivalent.
Group IV 832, 834, 838, 839, 843, 850-852, 858 and 859, as a group.	11,881,397 square meters equivalent.
Level not in a Group 870 .....	33,149,638 kilograms.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

<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: only HTS numbers 6104.22.0060, 6104.29.2049, 6106.10.0010, 6106.10.0030, 6106.90.2510, 6106.90.3010, 6109.10.0070, 6110.20.1030, 6110.20.2045, 6110.20.2075, 6110.90.9070, 6112.11.0040, 6114.20.0010 and 6117.90.9020.

<sup>3</sup> Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

<sup>4</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>5</sup> Category 651-B: only HTS numbers 6107.22.0015 and 6108.32.0015.

<sup>6</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>7</sup> Category 359-O: all HTS number 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>8</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, 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, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H); 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).

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,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
*Acting 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 and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

May 15, 2000.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 22, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross  
Arnold, 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.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 reduced for  
carryforward used.

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 64 FR 71982,  
published on December 22, 1999). Also  
see 64 FR 70220, published on  
December 16, 1999.

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 15, 2000.  
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 10, 1999, by the

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements. That directive  
concerns imports of certain cotton, man-  
made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable  
fiber textiles and textile products, produced  
or manufactured in India and exported  
during the twelve-month period which began  
on January 1, 2000 and extends through  
December 31, 2000.

Effective on May 22, 2000, you are directed  
to reduce the limits for the following  
categories, as provided for under the Uruguay  
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
Levels in Group I	
336/636 .....	997,391 dozen.
338/339 .....	4,159,857 dozen.
340/640 .....	2,166,908 dozen.
341 .....	4,565,583 dozen of which not more than 2,828,440 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y <sup>2</sup> .
342/642 .....	1,300,544 dozen.
345 .....	231,410 dozen.
351/651 .....	311,800 dozen.
363 .....	51,293,555 numbers.
369-D <sup>3</sup> .....	1,468,208 kilograms.
641 .....	1,661,508 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to ac-  
count for any imports exported after December  
31, 1999.

<sup>2</sup> Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers  
6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030  
and 6211.42.0054.

<sup>3</sup> Category 369-D: only HTS numbers  
6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and  
6302.91.0045.

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,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Request for Public Comments on a Request That the United States Consult With Mexico and Canada Concerning a Certain Filament Yarn; Amendment

May 15, 2000.

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

**ACTION:** Amending request for public  
comments concerning a request for  
consultations on certain filament yarn.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Martin Walsh, 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 published in the **Federal  
Register** on March 1, 2000 (65 FR  
11040) advised the public that CITA had  
been petitioned to initiate consultations  
with Mexico and Canada under Section  
7(2) of Annex 300-B of the North  
American Free Trade Agreement  
(NAFTA) for the purpose of amending  
the NAFTA rules of origin to permit the  
use of non-North American filament  
viscose rayon yarn classified in HTS  
headings 5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32 and  
5403.41 of the Harmonized Tariff  
Schedule of the United States in  
NAFTA originating goods. This notice  
amends, but does not cancel, that  
notice. The petition has been amended  
to request consultations on the use of  
non-North American filament yarn  
classified in HTS heading 5403.39 of the  
Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the  
United States, in addition to the four  
filament viscose rayon yarn headings  
listed in that notice.

There will be a 30-day comment  
period beginning on May 19, 2000 and  
extending through June 19, 2000.  
Anyone wishing to comment or provide  
data or information regarding domestic  
production or availability of filament  
yarn classified in HTS headings  
5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32, 5403.39 and  
5403.41 is invited to submit 10 copies  
of such comments or information to D.  
Michael Hutchinson, Acting Chairman,  
Committee for the Implementation of  
Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of  
Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

Comments or information submitted  
in response to this notice will be  
available for public inspection in the  
Office of Textiles and Apparel, room  
H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC.

The solicitation of comments is not a  
waiver in any respect of the exemption  
contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating  
to matters which constitute a "foreign  
affairs function of the United States."

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