

manufactured in Pakistan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on November 6, 2002, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit ¹
Specific limits	
219	13,091,616 square meters.
226/313	155,373,925 square meters.
237	355,050 dozen.
239pt. ²	800,878 kilograms.
315	116,779,952 square meters.
331pt./631pt. ³	1,059,992 dozen pairs.
335/635	657,825 dozen.
340/640	1,135,072 dozen of which not more than 515,830 dozen shall be in Categories 340–D/640–D ⁴ .
341/641	1,381,384 dozen.
359–C/659–C ⁵	1,242,728 kilograms.
625/626/627/628/629	96,051,811 square meters of which not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 625; not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 626; not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 627; not more than 12,634,885 square meters shall be in Category 628; and not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 629.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

² Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

³ Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1720, 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.5510, 6116.10.7510, 6116.92.6410, 6116.92.6420, 6116.92.6430, 6116.92.6440, 6116.92.7450, 6116.92.7460, 6116.92.7470, 6116.92.8800, 6116.92.9400 and 6116.99.9510; Category 631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730, 6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520, 6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.4800, 6116.99.5400 and 6116.99.9530.

⁴ Category 340–D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030; Category 640–D: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030.

⁵ 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.

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,
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 an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Thailand

October 31, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 2002.

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 this limit, 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 reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://www.otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 limit for Categories 351/651 is being increased for swing.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also

see 66 FR 63036, published on December 4, 2001.

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 31, 2002.

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 27, 2001, 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 Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on November 6, 2002, you are directed to increase the current limit for Categories 351/651 in Group II to 399,933 dozen ¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

exception of 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

Determination under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

October 31, 2002.

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

ACTION: Determination.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements
(CITA) has determined that handloomed
fabric and handmade articles made from
such handloomed fabric that are
produced in and exported from
Botswana qualify for preferential
treatment under Section 112(a) of the
African Growth and Opportunity Act.
Therefore, imports of eligible products
from Botswana with an appropriate
AGOA Visa will qualify for duty-free
treatment under the AGOA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Anna Flaaten, International Trade
Specialist, Office of Textiles and
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
African Growth and Opportunity Act
(Title I of the Trade and Development
Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-
2000)(AGOA) provides preferential tariff
treatment for imports of certain textile
and apparel products of beneficiary sub-
Saharan African countries. In a letter to
the Commissioner of Customs dated
January 18, 2001, the United States
Trade Representative directed Customs
to require that importers provide an
appropriate export visa from a
beneficiary sub-Saharan African country
to obtain preferential treatment under
section 112(a) of the AGOA (66 FR
7837). The first digit of the visa number
corresponds to one of 9 groupings of
textile and apparel products that are
eligible for preferential tariff treatment.
Grouping "9" is reserved for Handmade,
handloomed, or folklore articles.

In Section 2 of Executive Order 13191
of January 17, 2001, CITA is authorized
to "consult with beneficiary sub-
Saharan African countries and to
determine which, if any, particular

textile and apparel goods shall be
treated as being handloomed,
handmade, or folklore articles" (66 FR
7272). Consultations were held on
October 9, 2002, and CITA has now
determined that handloomed fabrics
and handmade articles made from such
handloomed fabrics produced in and
exported from Botswana are eligible for
preferential tariff treatment under
section 112(a) of the AGOA. In the letter
published below, CITA directs the
Commissioner of Customs to allow entry
of such products of Botswana under
Harmonized Tariff Schedule provision
9819.11.27, when accompanied by an
appropriate export visa in grouping "9."

James C. Leonard III,
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 31, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC
20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Department of the
Treasury, Washington, DC 20229. Dear
Commissioner: The Committee for the
Implementation of Textiles Agreements
(CITA), pursuant to Sections 112(a) of the
African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I
of Pub. L. No. 106-2000) (AGOA) and
Executive Order 13101 of January 17, 2001,
has determined that, effective on November
18, 2002 handloomed fabric produced in
Botswana and handmade articles produced
in Botswana from such handloomed fabric
shall be treated as being handloomed,
handmade, or folklore articles under the
AGOA, and that an export visa issued by the
Government of Botswana for Grouping "9" is
a certification by the Government of
Botswana that the article is handloomed,
handmade, or folklore. CITA directs you to
permit duty-free entry of such articles
accompanied by the appropriate visa and
entered under heading 9819.11.27 of the
Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United
States.

Sincerely,
James C. Leonard III,
*Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Fiscal Year 2003 Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Updates

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of DRG revised rates.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the
changes made to the TRICARE DRG-
based payment system in order to
conform to changes made to the
Medicare Prospective Payment System
(PPS).

It also provides the updated fixed loss
cost outlier threshold, cost-to-charge
ratios and the Internet address for
accessing the updated adjusted
standardized amounts and DRG relative
weights to be used for FY 2003 under
the TRICARE DRG-based payment
system.

DATES: The rates, weights and Medicare
PPS changes which affect the TRICARE
DRG-based payment system contained
in this notice are effective for
admissions occurring on or after
October 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: TRICARE Management
Activity (TMA), Medical Benefits and
Reimbursement Systems, 16401 East
Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-
9066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marty Maxey, Medical Benefits and
Reimbursement Systems, TMA,
telephone (303) 676-3627.

Questions regarding payment of
specific claims under the TRICARE
DRG-based payment system should be
addressed to the appropriate contractor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final
rule published on September 1, 1987 (52
FR 32992) set forth the basic procedures
used under the CHAMPUS DRG-based
payment system. This was subsequently
amended by final rules published
August 31, 1988 (53 FR 33461), October
21, 1988 (53 FR 41331), December 16,
1988 (53 FR 50515), May 30, 1990 (55
FR 21863), October 22, 1990 (55 FR
42560), and September 10, 1998 (63 FR
48439).

An explicit tenet of these final rules,
and one based on the statute authorizing
the use of DRGs by TRICARE, is that the
TRICARE DRG-based payment system is
modeled on the Medicare PPS, and that,
whenever practicable, the TRICARE
system will follow the same rules that
apply to the Medicare PPS. The Centers
for Medicare and Medicaid Services
(CMS) publishes these changes annually
in the **Federal Register** and discusses in
detail the impact of the changes.

In addition, this notice updates the
rates and weights in accordance with
our previous final rules. The actual
changes we are making, along with a
description of their relationship to the
Medicare PPS, are detailed below.