

Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on October 9, 2002; October 23, 2002; and February 7, 2003 by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. These directives concern imports of certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003.

Effective on June 13, 2003, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories to reflect Macedonia's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
433	28,429 dozen.
434	11,417 dozen.
435	31,163 dozen.
443	181,069 numbers.
448	65,064 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

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,
James C. Leonard III,
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, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in Malaysia

June 9, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 13, 2003.

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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://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 limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special swing, special shift, carryover, carryforward, and 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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 63896, published on October 16 2002.

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

June 9, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 9, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on June 13, 2003, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Fabric Group 218-220, 225-227, 313-326, 611-O ² , 613/614/615/617, 619 and 620, as a group Other specific limits 237	193,066,083 square meters equivalent.
300/301	608,922 dozen.
338/339	5,682,835 kilograms.
340/640	2,146,105 dozen.
	2,190,188 dozen.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
341/641	2,760,483 dozen of which not more than 1,026,503 dozen shall be in Category 341.
347/348	1,074,332 dozen.
351/651	496,069 dozen.
604	1,811,407 kilograms.
638/639	973,052 dozen.
645/646	496,865 dozen.
647/648	2,726,277 dozen of which not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 647-K ³ and not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 648-K ⁴
Group II 201, 224, 239pt ⁵ , 332, 352, 359pt. ⁶ , 360-362, 369pt. ⁷ , 400-414, 433, 434, 436, 438-O ⁸ , 440, 443, 444, 447, 448, 459pt. ⁹ , 469pt. ¹⁰ , 603, 618, 624-629, 633, 643, 644, 652, 659pt. ¹¹ , 666pt. ¹² , 845, 846 and 852, as a group	35,240,443 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

² Category 611-O: all HTS numbers except 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025 and 5516.14.0085.

³ Category 647-K: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0040, 6103.23.0045, 6103.29.1020, 6103.29.1030, 6103.43.1520, 6103.43.1540, 6103.43.1550, 6103.43.1570, 6103.49.1020, 6103.49.1060, 6103.49.8014, 6112.12.0050, 6112.19.1050, 6112.20.1060 and 6113.00.9044.

⁴ Category 648-K: only HTS numbers 6104.23.0032, 6104.23.0034, 6104.29.1030, 6104.29.1040, 6104.29.2038, 6104.63.2006, 6104.63.2011, 6104.63.2026, 6104.63.2028, 6104.63.2030, 6104.63.2060, 6104.69.2030, 6104.69.2060, 6104.69.8026, 6112.12.0060, 6112.19.1060, 6112.20.1070, 6113.00.9052 and 6117.90.9070.

⁵ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁶ Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.19.8010, 6117.10.6010, 6117.20.9010, 6203.22.1000, 6204.22.1000, 6212.90.0010, 6214.90.0010, 6406.99.1550, 6505.90.1525, 6505.90.1540, 6505.90.2060 and 6505.90.2545.

⁷ Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except
 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060,
 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500, 4202.22.8030,
 4202.32.4000, 4202.32.9530, 4202.92.0505,
 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091,
 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,
 5805.00.3000, 5807.10.0510, 5807.90.0510,
 6301.30.0010, 6301.30.0020, 6302.51.1000,
 6302.51.2000, 6302.51.3000, 6302.51.4000,
 6302.60.0010, 6302.60.0030, 6302.91.0005,
 6302.91.0025, 6302.91.0045, 6302.91.0050,
 6302.91.0060, 6303.11.0000, 6303.91.0010,
 6303.91.0020, 6304.91.0020, 6304.92.0000,
 6305.20.0000, 6306.11.0000, 6307.10.1020,
 6307.10.1090, 6307.90.3010, 6307.90.4010,
 6307.90.5010, 6307.90.8910, 6307.90.8945,
 6307.90.9882, 6406.10.7700, 9404.90.1000,
 9404.90.8040 and 9404.90.9505.

⁸ Category 438-O: only HTS numbers
 6103.21.0050, 6103.23.0025, 6105.20.1000,
 6105.90.1000, 6105.90.8020, 6109.90.1520,
 6110.11.0070, 6110.12.2070, 6110.19.0070,
 6110.30.1550, 6110.90.9072, 6114.10.0020
 and 6117.90.9025.

⁹ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except
 6115.19.8020, 6117.10.1000, 6117.10.2010,
 6117.20.9020, 6212.90.0020, 6214.20.0000,
 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090,
 6406.99.1505, 6406.99.1560.

¹⁰ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except
 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010, 6304.19.3040,
 6304.91.0050, 6304.99.1500, 6304.99.6010,
 6308.00.0010 and 6406.10.9020.

¹¹ Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except
 6115.11.0010, 6115.12.2000, 6117.10.2030,
 6117.20.9030, 6212.90.0030, 6214.30.0000,
 6214.40.0000, 6406.99.1510 and
 6406.99.1540.

¹² Category 666pt.: all HTS numbers except
 5805.00.4010, 6301.10.0000, 6301.40.0010,
 6301.40.0020, 6301.90.0010, 6302.53.0010,
 6302.53.0020, 6302.53.0030, 6302.93.1000,
 6302.93.2000, 6303.12.0000, 6303.19.0010,
 6303.92.1000, 6303.92.2010, 6303.92.2020,
 6303.99.0010, 6304.11.2000, 6304.19.1500,
 6304.19.2000, 6304.91.0040, 6304.93.0000,
 6304.99.6020, 6307.90.9884, 9404.90.8522
 and 9404.90.9522.

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,
 James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Commercial Availability Request under the United States - African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

June 10, 2003.

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

ACTION: Denial of the request alleging that certain cotton velvet fabrics, for use

in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the AGOA.

SUMMARY: On April 8, 2003 the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Crystal Apparel Limited, of Hong Kong and Sinotex Mauritius Limited in Mauritius alleging that certain light- and medium-weight dyed cotton warp pile velvet fabrics (see Annex I for product specifications) classified in subheading 5801.25.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles including men's and boys' jackets and pants, women's and girls' jackets, dresses, skirts, shorts, and pants, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that apparel of such fabrics be eligible for preferential treatment under the AGOA. Based on currently available information, CITA has determined that these subject fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and therefore denies the request.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 112 (b)(5)(B) of the AGOA, Section 1 of the Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The AGOA provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns and fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. The AGOA also provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more AGOA beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary country, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 13191, the President's authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the AGOA is exercised by CITA.

On April 8, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Crystal Apparel Limited, of Hong Kong and Sinotex Mauritius Limited, in Mauritius alleging that certain light- and medium-weight

dyed cotton warp pile velvet fabrics (see Annex I for product specifications), classified in subheading 5801.25.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles including men's and boys' jackets and pants, women's and girls' jackets, dresses, skirts, shorts, and pants, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The petitioner requested quota- and duty-free treatment under the AGOA for apparel articles that are both cut and sewn in one or more AGOA beneficiary countries from such fabrics.

On April 14, 2003, CITA solicited public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On April 30, 2003, CITA and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative offered to hold consultations with the relevant Congressional committees. We also requested the advice of the U.S. International Trade Commission and the relevant Industry Sector Advisory Committees.

CITA has determined that certain light- and medium-weight dyed cotton warp pile velvet fabrics, classified in subheading 5801.25.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles including men's and boys' jackets and pants, women's and girls' jackets, dresses, skirts, shorts, and pants, can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Crystal Apparel Limited and Sinotex Mauritius Limited's request is denied.

Annex 1

Product Specifications:

1. Name: light-weight dyed warp pile velvet
 HTS subheading: 5801.25.00
 Fiber Composition: 100 percent combed cotton
 Yarn: 230 g/m2 to 260 g/m2
 Construction:
 Woven Fabric - 96 x 98
 Warp - 42/2 ply + 42/2 ply
 Weft - 32 single yarn
 Woven Fabric - 96 x 102
 Warp - 42/2 ply + 60/2 ply
 Weft - 32 single yarn
2. Name: medium-weight dyed warp pile velvet
 HTS subheading: 5801.25.00
 Fiber Composition: 97 to 98 percent cotton, up to 3 percent spandex yarn
 Yarn: 280 g/m2 to 330 g/m2
 Construction:
 Woven Fabric - 110 x 84
 Warp - 42/2 ply + 50/2 ply
 Weft - 30 single yarn + 40 denier spandex
 Woven Fabric - 126 x 84
 Warp - 42/2 ply + 50/2 ply
 Weft - 30 single yarn + 40 denier spandex