

Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482094212. 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) 927095850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482093715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

A notice published in the Federal Register on September 20, 1995 (60 FR 48692) announces that the Governments of the United States and Honduras agreed, pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), to establish limits and Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for Categories 352/652 and 435 for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1996 limits. These limits are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). Also, guaranteed access levels are being established for Categories 352/652 and 435 for 1996.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 67349, published on December 29, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
July 18, 1996.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive cancels and supersedes the directive issued to you on

December 22, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, which directs you to count imports for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 352/652, 35209K/65209K and 435, produced or manufactured in Honduras and exported during the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on August 1, 1996, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Honduras and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996, in excess of the following restraint limits:

| Category | Twelve-month limit ^{1A1} |
|---------------|---|
| 352/652 | 10,070,000 dozen of which not more than 7,420,000 dozen shall be in Categories 35209K/65209K ^{1A2} . |
| 435 | 14,688 dozen. |

^{11A1}The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

^{21A}Category 35209K: only HTS numbers 6107.11.0010, 6107.11.0020, 6108.19.9010, 6108.21.0010, 6108.21.0020, 6108.91.0005, 6108.91.0015, 6108.91.0025, 6109.10.0005, 6109.10.0007, 6109.10.0009, 6109.10.0037, Category 65209K: 6107.12.0010, 6107.12.0020, 6108.11.0010, 6108.11.0020, 6108.22.9020, 6108.22.9030, 6108.92.0005, 6108.92.0015, 6108.92.0025, 6109.90.1047 and 6109.90.1075.

Imports charged to these category limits for the periods March 27, 1995 through December 31, 1995 (Categories 352/652 and 35209K/65209K) and April 24, 1995 through December 31, 1995 (Category 435) shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for those periods have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment in the future according to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the ATC and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

You are directed to charge the following amounts to the limit established in this directive for Categories 352/652 and 435 for 1996. These charges are for goods imported during the period January 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996 (Categories 352/652) and January 1, 1996 through April 30, 1996 (Category 435). Additional charges will be supplied at a later date.

| Category | Amount to charge |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 352/652 | 394,091 dozen. |
| 35209K/65209K | 2,233,183 dozen. |

Additionally, pursuant to the Special Access Program, as set forth in 51 FR 21208 (June 11, 1986), 52 FR 26057 (July 10, 1987) and 54 FR 50425 (December 6, 1989), effective on August 1, 1996, guaranteed access levels are being established for properly certified textile products assembled in Honduras from fabric formed and cut in the United States in textile products in the following categories which are re-exported to the United States from Honduras during the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 in the following amounts:

| Category | Guaranteed Access Level |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 352/652 | 50,000,000 dozen. |
| 435 | 35,000 dozen. |

You are directed to charge 7,881,821 dozen to the guaranteed access level established for Categories 352/652 and 2,970 dozen to the guaranteed access level established for Category 435 for the 1996 period. These charges are for the goods imported during the period January 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996 (Categories 352/652) and January 1, 1996 through April 30, 1996 (Category 435) subject to the Special Access Program.

Any shipment for entry under the Special Access Program which is not accompanied by a valid and correct certification and Export Declaration in accordance with the provisions of the certification requirements established in the directive of July 18, 1996 shall be denied entry unless the Government of the Republic of Honduras authorizes the entry and any charges to the appropriate specific limit. Any shipment which is declared for entry under the Special Access Program but found not to qualify shall be denied entry into the United States.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Concerning Certain Canadian Measures Affecting Periodicals

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 127(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that a dispute settlement panel convened under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) at the request of the United States will examine Canadian measures affecting periodicals, including an import ban on certain periodicals and discriminatory treatment of certain imported periodicals with respect to excise taxes and postal rates. USTR also invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in the dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before August 15, 1996 in order to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Carolyn Frank, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Room 501, Attn: Periodicals Dispute, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Kane, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-6800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the United States' request, a WTO dispute settlement panel will examine whether certain Canadian measures concerning periodicals are consistent with Canada's obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994.

Members of the panel are currently being selected, and the panel is expected to meet as necessary at the WTO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to examine the dispute. Under normal circumstances, the panel would be expected to issue a report detailing its findings and recommendations in six to nine months.

Major Issues Raised by the United States and Legal Basis of Complaint

The Government of Canada maintains several measures concerning periodicals, including, but not limited to: (1) Tariff Code 9958, which prohibits the importation into Canada of certain periodicals; (2) Part V.1 of the Excise

Tax Act, as enacted by Bill C-103 of December 15, 1995, which imposed an excise tax on certain so-called "split-run" periodicals; and (3) application of favorable postal rates to certain Canadian periodicals, including through actions of the Canada Post Corporation and the Department of Canadian Heritage (formerly the Department of Communications).

These measures appear to prohibit or restrict imports of periodicals from the United States and other Members of the World Trade Organization in contravention of the Government of Canada's obligations under Article XI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and also appear to be inconsistent with the national treatment obligations of the Government of Canada under Article III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

These measures also appear to nullify or impair the benefits accruing to the United States directly or indirectly under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

A person requesting that information or advice contained in a comment submitted by that person, other than business confidential information, be treated as confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155)—

(1) must so designate that information or advice;

(2) must clearly mark the material as "CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and

(3) is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA, USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington DC

20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments made to USTR from the public with respect to the proceeding; the U.S. submissions to the panel in the proceeding; the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the dispute settlement panel and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket [WTO/D-7, "U.S.-Canada: Periodicals"]), may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Jennifer Hillman,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review, Tallahassee Regional Airport, Tallahassee, Florida

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the updated noise exposure maps submitted by the City of Tallahassee, Florida for Tallahassee Regional Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program update that was submitted for Tallahassee Regional Airport under Part 150 in conjunction with the noise exposure maps, and that this program update will be approved or disapproved on or before December 22, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the updated noise exposure maps and of the start of its review of the associated noise compatibility program update is June 25, 1996. The public comment period ends August 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tommy J. Pickering, P.E., Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, 9677 Tradeport Drive, Suite 130, Orlando, Florida 32827-5397, (407) 648-6583, Extension 29. Comments on the proposed noise