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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 20, 1996.

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

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to 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 January 1, 1997, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Sri Lanka and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
237	278,533 dozen.
314	4,158,097 square meters.
331/631	2,649,715 dozen pairs.
333/633	52,430 dozen.
334/634	583,983 dozen.
335/835	273,018 dozen.
336/636/836	264,397 dozen.
338/339	1,228,822 dozen.
340/640	1,066,116 dozen.
341/641	1,865,959 dozen of which not more than 1,243,972 dozen shall be in Category 341 and not more than 1,243,972 dozen shall be in Category 641.
342/642/842	638,986 dozen.
345/845	175,318 dozen.
347/348/847	1,104,864 dozen.
350/650	121,505 dozen.
351/651	301,932 dozen.
352/652	1,245,828 dozen.
359-C/659-C ¹	1,268,605 kilograms.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
360	1,468,404 numbers.
363	11,878,602 numbers.
369-D ²	944,815 kilograms.
369-S ³	787,343 kilograms.
434	7,246 dozen.
435	15,528 dozen.
440	10,352 dozen.
611	5,751,248 square meters.
635	342,604 dozen.
638/639/838	927,672 dozen.
644	520,740 numbers.
645/646	208,295 dozen.
647/648	1,116,807 dozen.
840	275,901 dozen.

¹Category 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.

²Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

³Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period 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.

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Thailand

December 20, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 24, 1996.

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 of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6717. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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.

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

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 62396, published on December 6, 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.

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 20, 1996.

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 29, 1995, 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, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on December 24, 1996, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
200	1,102,569 kilograms.
219	3,706,230 square meters.
300	4,032,180 kilograms.
301-P ²	3,990,591 kilograms.
301-O ³	923,827 kilograms.
363	19,689,375 numbers.
369-S ⁴	214,165 kilograms.
611	14,296,887 square meters.
619	6,584,737 square meters.
620	6,928,693 square meters.
Group II	
237, 330-359, 431-459, 630-659 and 831-859, as a group.	267,245,923 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II	
331/631	1,576,650 dozen pairs.
334/634	600,486 dozen.
335/635/835	477,310 dozen.
336/636	307,492 dozen.
340	259,980 dozen.
341/641	613,840 dozen.
342/642	534,402 dozen.
345	274,422 dozen.
347/348/847	804,498 dozen.
351/651	216,649 dozen.
647/648	1,096,273 dozen.
Level not in a Group	
239	5,699,628 kilograms.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

² Category 301-P: only HTS numbers 5206.21.0000, 5206.22.0000, 5206.23.0000, 5206.24.0000, 5206.25.0000, 5206.41.0000, 5206.42.0000, 5206.43.0000, 5206.44.0000 and 5206.45.0000.

³ Category 301-O: only HTS numbers 5205.21.0000, 5205.22.0000, 5205.23.0000, 5205.24.0000, 5205.25.0000, 5205.41.0000, 5205.42.0000, 5205.43.0000, 5205.44.0000 and 5205.45.0000.

⁴ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

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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Establishment of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Arab Emirates

December 20, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

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: 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.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997 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).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish limits for the 1997 period. The 1997 levels for Categories 315 and 361 are zero. The levels for certain categories have been reduced for carryforward applied to the 1996 limits.

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implementation of certain of their provisions.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 20, 1996.

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

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to 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 and extended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1997, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997 in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
219	1,138,253 square meters.
226/313	1,946,441 square meters.
315	-0-
317	31,400,061 square meters.
326	1,837,444 square meters.
334/634	219,026 dozen.
335/635/835	150,357 dozen.
336/636	189,822 dozen.
338/339	573,747 dozen of which not more than 361,148 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ¹ .
340/640	335,839 dozen.
341/641	311,463 dozen.
342/642	245,650 dozen.
347/348	426,212 dozen of which not more than 213,106 dozen shall be in Categories 347-T/348-T ² .
351/651	177,846 dozen.
352	327,856 dozen.
361	-0-
363	6,021,317 numbers.
369-S ³	80,499 kilograms.
369-O ⁴	578,957 kilograms.
638/639	219,026 dozen.
647/648	332,495 dozen.