

# COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

## Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man- Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Korea

December 22, 1997.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

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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:** 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 import restraint limits for textile  
products, produced or manufactured in  
Korea and exported during the period  
January 1, 1998 through December 31,  
1998 are based on limits notified to the  
Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to  
the Uruguay Round Agreement on  
Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Pursuant to the provisions of the ATC,  
the second stage of the integration  
commences on January 1, 1998 (see 60  
FR 21075, published on May 1, 1995).  
Accordingly, certain previously  
restrained categories may have been  
modified or eliminated and certain  
limits may have been revised. Integrated  
products will no longer be subject to  
quota. CITA has informed Korea of its  
intent to continue the bilateral visa  
arrangement for those products.

In the letter published below, the  
Chairman of CITA directs the  
Commissioner of Customs to establish  
the 1998 limits. In accordance with the  
special swing provision contained in the  
exchange of notes dated April 2 and 8,  
1997 between the Governments of the  
United States and Korea, 59,407,515  
square meters equivalent is being  
charged to the 1998 Group II limit.

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 62 FR 66057,  
published on December 17, 1997). Also  
see 62 FR 51832, published on October  
3, 1997.

**J. Hayden Boyd,**

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

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 22, 1997.

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); Executive Order  
11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the  
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and  
Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit,  
effective on January 1, 1998, 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 the Republic of  
Korea and exported during the twelve-month  
period beginning on January 1, 1998 and  
extending through December 31, 1998, in  
excess of the following levels of restraint:

| Category  | Twelve-month restraint<br>limit          |
|---|--|
| Group I   |  |
| 200-223, 224-V <sup>1</sup> ,<br>224-O <sup>2</sup> , 225,<br>226, 227, 300-<br>326, 360-363,<br>369pt. <sup>3</sup> , 400-<br>414, 464,<br>469pt. <sup>4</sup> , 600-<br>629, 666, 669-<br>P <sup>5</sup> , 669pt. <sup>6</sup> and<br>670-O <sup>7</sup> , as a<br>group. | 386,870,998 square<br>meters equivalent. |
| Sublevels within<br>Group I   |  |
| 200 .....   | 461,113 kilograms.                       |
| 201 .....   | 2,183,034 kilograms.                     |
| 218 .....   | 9,346,896 square me-<br>ters.            |
| 219 .....   | 8,510,994 square me-<br>ters.            |
| 224-V .....   | 10,729,411 square<br>meters.             |
| 300/301 .....   | 3,135,399 kilograms.                     |
| 313 .....   | 51,096,363 square<br>meters.             |
| 314 .....   | 28,489,091 square<br>meters.             |
| 315 .....   | 18,272,754 square<br>meters.             |
| 317/326 .....   | 18,988,737 square<br>meters.             |
| 363 .....   | 1,094,272 numbers.                       |
| 410 .....   | 3,551,791 square me-<br>ters.            |
| 604 .....   | 388,754 kilograms.                       |
| 607 .....   | 1,121,629 kilograms.                     |

| Category   | Twelve-month restraint<br>limit   |
|--|---|
| 611 .....  | 3,738,759 square me-<br>ters.   |
| 613/614 .....  | 6,231,263 square me-<br>ters.   |
| 617 .....  | 5,167,390 square me-<br>ters.   |
| 619/620 .....  | 94,532,277 square<br>meters.  |
| 624 .....  | 9,118,923 square me-<br>ters.   |
| 625/626/627/628/<br>629.   | 15,952,036 square<br>meters.  |
| 669-P .....  | 2,294,475 kilograms.  |
| Group II   |   |
| 237, 239pt. <sup>8</sup> , 331-<br>348, 350-352,<br>359-H <sup>9</sup> ,<br>359pt. <sup>10</sup> , 431,<br>433-438, 440-<br>448, 459-W <sup>11</sup> ,<br>459pt. <sup>12</sup> , 631,<br>633-652, 659-<br>H <sup>13</sup> , 659-S <sup>14</sup><br>and 659pt. <sup>15</sup> , as<br>a group. | 584,556,337 square<br>meters equivalent.  |
| Sublevels within<br>Group II   |   |
| 237 .....  | 62,007 dozen.   |
| 239pt. ....  | 250,725 kilograms.  |
| 333/334/335 .....  | 280,407 dozen of<br>which not more than<br>143,320 dozen shall<br>be in Category 335.   |
| 336 .....  | 59,258 dozen.   |
| 338/339 .....  | 1,246,253 dozen.  |
| 340 .....  | 648,052 dozen of<br>which not more than<br>336,489 dozen shall<br>be in Category 340-<br>D <sup>16</sup> .  |
| 341 .....  | 182,729 dozen.  |
| 342/642 .....  | 225,379 dozen.  |
| 345 .....  | 121,071 dozen.  |
| 347/348 .....  | 461,113 dozen.  |
| 350 .....  | 17,235 dozen.   |
| 351/651 .....  | 236,766 dozen.  |
| 352 .....  | 184,245 dozen.  |
| 359-H .....  | 2,654,234 kilograms.  |
| 433 .....  | 13,935 dozen.   |
| 434 .....  | 7,147 dozen.  |
| 435 .....  | 35,230 dozen.   |
| 436 .....  | 14,914 dozen.   |
| 438 .....  | 59,793 dozen.   |
| 440 .....  | 198,651 dozen.  |
| 442 .....  | 50,399 dozen.   |
| 443 .....  | 322,056 numbers.  |
| 444 .....  | 54,920 numbers.   |
| 445/446 .....  | 52,277 dozen.   |
| 447 .....  | 89,190 dozen.   |
| 448 .....  | 35,456 dozen.   |
| 459-W .....  | 95,910 kilograms.   |
| 631 .....  | 311,096 dozen pairs.  |
| 633/634/635 .....  | 1,358,622 dozen of<br>which not more than<br>154,065 dozen shall<br>be in Category 633<br>and not more than<br>574,152 dozen shall<br>be in Category 635. |
| 636 .....  | 271,507 dozen.  |
| 638/639 .....  | 5,289,591 dozen.  |
| 640-D <sup>17</sup> .....  | 3,136,590 dozen.  |
| 640-O <sup>18</sup> .....  | 2,613,824 dozen.  |

| Category  | Twelve-month restraint limit   |
|---|--|
| 641 .....   | 1,053,642 dozen of which not more than 39,799 dozen shall be in Category 641—Y <sup>19</sup> . |
| 643 .....   | 780,589 numbers.   |
| 644 .....   | 1,174,362 numbers.   |
| 645/646 .....   | 3,592,927 dozen.   |
| 647/648 .....   | 1,328,005 dozen.   |
| 650 .....   | 25,221 dozen.  |
| 659—H .....   | 1,340,420 kilograms.   |
| 659—S .....   | 185,476 kilograms.   |
| Group III   |  |
| 831, 833–838, 840–844, 847–858 and 859pt. <sup>20</sup> , as a group. | 17,418,627 square meters equivalent.   |
| Sublevel within Group III   |  |
| 835 .....   | 28,798 dozen.  |
| Group IV  |  |
| 845 .....   | 2,315,056 dozen.   |
| 846 .....   | 818,787 dozen.   |
| Group VI  |  |
| 369–L/670–L/870 <sup>21</sup> .                                       | 73,117,988 square meters equivalent.   |

<sup>1</sup> Category 224—V: only HTS numbers 5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.24.0000, 5801.25.0010, 5801.25.0020, 5801.26.0010, 5801.26.0020, 5801.31.0000, 5801.33.0000, 5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0010, 5801.35.0020, 5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020.

<sup>2</sup> Category 224—O: all remaining HTS numbers in Category 224.

<sup>3</sup> Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015, 4202.92.6090 (Category 369—L); 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, 5602.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700.

<sup>4</sup> Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

<sup>5</sup> Category 669—P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

<sup>6</sup> Category 669pt.: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category 669—P); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040.

<sup>7</sup> Category 670—O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category 670—L).

<sup>8</sup> Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

<sup>9</sup> Category 359—H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060.

<sup>10</sup> Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6505.90.1540, 6505.20.2060 (Category 359—H); and 6406.99.1550.

<sup>11</sup> Category 459—W: only HTS number 6505.90.4090.

<sup>12</sup> Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6505.90.4090 (Category 459—W); 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6405.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

<sup>13</sup> Category 659—H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

<sup>14</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>15</sup> Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.91015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.606090, 6505.90.7090 and 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); 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.

<sup>16</sup> Category 340—D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030.

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> Category 640—O: all HTS numbers except 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030 (Category 640—D).

<sup>19</sup> Category 641—Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

<sup>20</sup> Category 859pt.: only HTS numbers 6115.19.8040, 6117.10.6020, 6212.10.5030, 6212.10.9040, 6212.20.0030, 6212.30.0030, 6212.90.0090, 6214.10.2000 and 6214.90.0090.

<sup>21</sup> Category 870; Category 369—L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090; Category 670—L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 14, 1996) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

Products for integration in 1998 listed in the **Federal Register** notice published on May 1, 1995 (60 FR 21075) which are exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable limits to the extent of any unfilled balances. After January 1, 1998, should those unfilled balances be exhausted, such products shall no longer be charged to any limit, due to integration of these products into GATT 1994.

CITA has informed Korea of its intent to continue the bilateral visa arrangement for those products. An export visa will continue to be required, if applicable, for products integrated on and after January 1, 1998, before entry is permitted into the United States.

The conversion factors for the following merged categories are listed below:

| Category              | Conversion factor<br>(Square meters equivalent/category unit) |
|-----------------------|---|
| 333/334/335 .....     | 33.75   |
| 369—L/670—L/870 ..... | 3.8   |
| 633/634/635 .....     | 34.1  |

| Category      | Conversion factor<br>(Square meters equivalent/category unit) |
|---------------|---|
| 638/639 ..... | 12.96   |

In accordance with exchange of notes dated April 2 and April 8, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Korea, for products exported in 1997, you are directed to charge 59,407,515 square meters equivalent to the Group II limit established in this directive.

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,

J. Hayden Boyd,

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Restraint 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

December 22, 1997.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

**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 or call (202) 927–5850. 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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through