

CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 30, 1998.

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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of September 15, 1994, as amended and extended, between the Governments of the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1999, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 340/640, produced or manufactured in Laos and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999, in excess of 167,513 dozen.

The limit set forth above is subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Products in the above categories exported during 1998 shall be charged to the applicable category limit for that year (see directive dated January 29, 1998) to the extent of any unfilled balance. In the event the limit established for that period has been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limit set forth in this directive.

This limit may be revised if Laos becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Laos.

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 this action falls 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

September 30, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, 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 U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, 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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of November 7, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia establishes limits for certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1999 limits. The limit for Category 443 has been reduced for carryforward applied in 1998.

These limits may be revised if the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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).

Information regarding the 1999 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 30, 1998.

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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of November 7, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1999, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit
433	20,808 dozen.
434	10,404 dozen.
435	27,857 dozen.
443	161,568 numbers.
448	62,424 dozen.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Products in the above categories exported during 1998 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 1, 1997) 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.

These limits may be revised if the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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 to 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Mexican States

September 30, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs establishing
levels under the North America Free
Trade Agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Naomi Freeman, 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 U.S.
 Customs website at [http://](http://www.customs.ustras.gov)
www.customs.ustras.gov. 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.

In order to implement Annex 300-B
 of the North American Free Trade
 Agreement (NAFTA), restrictions and
 consultation levels for certain cotton,
 wool and man-made fiber textile
 products from Mexico are being
 established for the period beginning on
 January 1, 1999 and extending through
 December 31, 1999.

These restrictions and consultation
 levels do not apply to NAFTA
 originating goods, as defined in Annex
 300-B, Chapter 4 and Annex 401 of the
 agreement. In addition, restrictions and
 consultation levels do not apply to
 textile and apparel goods that are
 assembled in Mexico from fabrics
 wholly formed and cut in the United
 States and exported from and re-
 imported into the United States under
 U.S. tariff item 9802.00.90.

In the letter published below, the
 Chairman of CITA directs the

Commissioner of Customs to implement
 levels for the 1999 period.

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).
 Information regarding the 1999
 CORRELATION will be published in the
Federal Register at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
 of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 30, 1998.

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
 North American Free Trade Agreement
 (NAFTA), between the Governments of the
 United States, the United Mexican States and
 Canada, you are directed to prohibit, effective
 on January 1, 1999, 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 Mexico and exported during
 the twelve-month period beginning on
 January 1, 1999 and extending through
 December 31, 1999, in excess of the following
 levels:

Category	Twelve-month limit
219	9,438,000 square me- ters.
313	16,854,000 square meters.
314	6,966,904 square me- ters.
315	6,966,904 square me- ters.
317	8,427,000 square me- ters.
338/339/638/639	650,000 dozen.
340/640	174,137 dozen.
347/348/647/648	650,000 dozen.
410	397,160 square me- ters.
433	11,000 dozen.
443	182,498 numbers.
611	1,267,710 square me- ters.
633	10,000 dozen.
643	155,556 numbers.

The levels set forth above are subject to
 adjustment pursuant to the provisions of
 Annex 300-B of the NAFTA.

Products in the above categories exported
 during 1998 shall be charged to the
 applicable category levels for that year (see
 directive dated December 22, 1997) to the
 extent of any unfilled balances. In the event

the levels established for that period have
 been exhausted by previous entries, such
 products shall be charged to the levels set
 forth in this directive.

The foregoing levels do not apply to
 NAFTA originating goods, as defined in
 Annex 300-B, Chapter 4 and Annex 401 of
 the agreement. In addition, restrictions and
 consultation levels do not apply to textile
 and apparel goods that are assembled in
 Mexico from fabrics wholly formed and cut
 in the United States and exported from and
 re-imported into the United States under U.S.
 tariff item 9802.00.90.

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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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 Sri Lanka

September 30, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy
 Unger, 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 U.S. Customs
 website at [http://](http://www.customs.ustras.gov)
www.customs.ustras.gov. 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.