

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Sri Lanka and exported during the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to 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 the 1999 limits. The limits for certain categories have been reduced for carryforward applied to the 1998 limits.

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 Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), 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, 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, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
237	342,660 dozen.
314	4,917,752 square meters.
331/631	3,489,709 dozen pairs.
333/633	65,632 dozen.
334/634	726,659 dozen.
335/835	319,730 dozen.
336/636/836	478,628 dozen.
338/339	1,453,319 dozen.
340/640	1,292,035 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
341/641	2,252,795 dozen of which not more than 1,501,864 dozen shall be in Category 341 and not more than 1,501,864 dozen shall be in Category 641.
342/642/842	758,739 dozen.
345/845	207,151 dozen.
347/348/847	1,178,469 dozen.
350/650	135,642 dozen.
351/651	375,700 dozen.
352/652	1,550,206 dozen.
359-C/659-C ¹	1,492,562 kilograms.
360	1,735,020 numbers.
363	14,048,739 numbers.
369-D ²	1,116,364 kilograms.
369-S ³	878,949 kilograms.
434	7,458 dozen.
435	15,981 dozen.
440	10,654 dozen.
611	6,795,497 square meters.
635	426,308 dozen.
638/639/838	1,096,108 dozen.
644	615,290 numbers.
645/646	246,115 dozen.
647/648	1,246,746 dozen.
840	354,181 dozen.

¹ Category 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.

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

³ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

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 1998 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 22, 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.

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

Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Textile and Clothing Integrated into GATT 1994 in the Second Stage

September 30, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

ACTION: Issuing a Directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending export visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

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 Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing provides for the integration of textiles and clothing into GATT 1994. The second stage of the integration commenced on January 1, 1998 (see 60 FR 21075, published on May 1, 1995). In a **Federal Register** notice published on October 3, 1997 (62 FR 51832), the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements announced that it had determined that it was necessary to maintain coverage of the currently applicable visa systems for the products to be integrated in the second stage of the integration and that an export visa issued by the government of the country of origin would continue to be required for products integrated on and after January 1, 1998, before entry is permitted into the United States.

Subsequent experience has shown that export visas for these products from World Trade Organization Member countries are not necessary. In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to no longer require a visa for these products from World Trade Organization Member countries entered into the United States on and after January 1, 1999.

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).

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 World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, you are directed to amend the current visa requirements for textile and apparel products produced or manufactured in WTO Member countries (Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and United Arab Emirates) that are entered into the United States on and after January 1, 1999 and that are integrated into GATT 1994 in the second stage of the integration.

Effective on January 1, 1999, export visas no longer will be required for certain textile and apparel products from WTO member countries.

Textile categories subject to this directive are 229, 330, 349, 353, 354, 432, 439, 465, 630, 632, 653, 654, 665, 832, 839 and 899; and products in 239—babies garments, except diapers; 359, 459, 659 and 859—footwear; 369, 469 and 669—certain wadding and footwear; and 859—other silk blends and non-cotton vegetable fiber apparel. A complete list of products subject to this directive is attached to this letter.

Export visas will continue to be required for non-integrated products and for products integrated in the second stage produced or manufactured in countries that are not members of the World Trade Organization.

For WTO countries, non-integrated products in Categories 239, 359, 459, 659, 859, 369, 469 and 669 shall continue to be visaed in those categories, except if a letter or number designator for a part-category already exists. All letter or number part category designators shall continue to be used except for "pt" (which is currently being used for quota purposes only). If an "O" designation already exists, then that part-category shall continue to require an "O" designation, excluding the HTS numbers for integrated products. The HTS coverage for non-WTO countries shall remain unchanged.

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.

ATTACHMENT

I. Part or Partial Categories Integrated January 1, 1998

Babies Garments and Clothing Accessories,
Except Diapers

Category	1998 HTS
239	6111201000
239	6111202000
239	6111203000
239	6111204000
239	6111205000
239	6111206010
239	6111206020
239	6111206030
239	6111206040
239	6111301000
239	6111302000
239	6111303000
239	6111304000
239	6111305010
239	6111305015
239	6111305020
239	6111305030
239	6111305040
239	6111901000
239	6111902000
239	6111903000
239	6111904000
239	6111905010
239	6111905020
239	6111905030
239	6111905040
239	6209201000
239	6209202000
239	6209203000
239	6209205030
239	6209205035
239	6209205045
239	6209205050
239	6209301000
239	6209302000
239	6209303010
239	6209303020
239	6209303030
239	6209303040
239	6209901000
239	6209902000
239	6209903010
239	6209903015
239	6209903020
239	6209903030
239	6209903040
239	6505901515
239	6505902030
239	6505905030
239	6505906030
239	6505907030
239	6505908045

Footwear

Category	1998 HTS
359	6406991550
459	6405206030
459	6405206060
459	6405206090
459	6406991505

Footwear—Continued

Category	1998 HTS
459	6406991560
659	6406991510
659	6406991540
859	6406991570

Certain Wadding and Footwear

Category	1998 HTS
369	5601101000
369	5601210090
369	5701901020
369	5701902020
369	5702109020
369	5702392010
369	5702491020
369	5702491080
369	5702591000
369	5702991010
369	5702991090
369	5705002020
369	6406107700
469	5601290020
469	5603941010
469	6406109020
669	5601102000
669	5601220090
669	5607493000
669	5607504000
669	6406109040

Other Silk Blend and Non-cotton Vegetable Fiber Apparel

Category	1998 HTS
859	6103292082
859	6103498060
859	6104292087
859	6104292090
859	6104698020
859	6110909064
859	6110909066
859	6112202030
859	6112390090
859	6112490090
859	6114909020
859	6114909030
859	6114909040
859	6114909070
859	6117809570
859	6117909095
859	6203293080
859	6203498010
859	6204294090
859	6204294092
859	6204696070
859	6204699050
859	6211118040
859	6211128030
859	6211204860
859	6211207830
859	6211399010
859	6211399020
859	6211399060
859	6211399090
859	6211499010
859	6211499020
859	6211499060
859	6211499070
859	6211499090

Other Silk Blend and Non-cotton Vegetable
Fiber Apparel—Continued

Category	1998 HTS
859	6213102000
859	6213902000
859	6217109550
859	6217909095
859	6505901560
859	6505902590
859	6505909095
859	6505909085

**II. Whole Categories Integrated January 1,
1998**

Category	1998 HTS
229	Special Purpose Fab- ric
330	Handkerchiefs
349	Brassieres and Other Body Supporting Garments
353	Men's and Boys' Down-filled Coats
354	Women's and Girls' Down-filled Coats
432	Hosiery
439	Babies Garments and Clothing Acces- sories
465	Floor Coverings
630	Handkerchiefs
632	Hosiery
653	Men's and Boys' Down-filled Coats
654	Women's and Girls' Down-filled Coats
665	Floor Coverings
832	Hosiery
839	Babies Garments and Clothing Acces- sories
899	Other Silk and Vege- table Blend Manu- factures

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Proposed Collection; Comment
Request****AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of
Defense (Personnel and Readiness).**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 7, 1998.**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy), Defense Commissary Agency, Plans and Policy Directorate, Analysis and Evaluation Division, ATTN: Mr. Herman Weaver, 1300 E. Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-6300.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call (804) 734-8322.**Title and OMB Control Number:** Commissary Evaluation and Utility Surveys-Generic Clearance," OMB Control Number 0704—[To be determined.]**Needs and Uses:** DeCA will conduct a variety of surveys to include, but not necessarily limited to customer satisfaction, transaction based comment cards, transaction based telephone interviews, commissary sizing, and patron migration. The information collected will provide customer perceptions, demographics, and will identify agency operations that need quality improvement, provide early detection of process or system problems, and focus attention on areas where customer service and functional training, new construction/renovations, and changes in existing operations that will improve service delivery.**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.**Annual Burden Hours:** 4,167.**Number of Respondents:** 50,000.**Responses per Respondent:** 1.**Average Burden per Response:** 5.**Frequency:** On occasion.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Summary of Information Collection**

(All respondents are authorized patrons by DoD regulations, unless otherwise described)

Commissary Sizing Survey

Surveys will support commissary renovation and new construction based on perceptions (aisles, bakery, fish, deli, etc.) of patrons and will include demographics and sale projections.

Possible Facility Sites

Patrons will input their answers to questions concerning where they would like new facility located, what configuration (mall, off-post, mini-marts, parking, etc.), and give their opinions on concerns that will affect their shopping experience. Will include demographics, populations maps, and distribution centers.

Patron Migration Survey

These surveys will determine from our patrons which commissary they will migrate to and how sales will affect renovation of receiving facility. Surveys will assess other factors that may determine a need for mini-marts or other small grocery outlet.

BRAC and/or Closure Survey

These surveys will also be given to local townships affected by base closures and its economic impact on surrounding communities, local governments, small and large businesses. The information collected will allow decisions to be made about keeping commissaries open, although, the base has closed or some alternative store for those patrons affected.

Commissary Operational Surveys

These surveys will supply information on processes like TQM, Process Action Team objectives, internal coordination, and vender satisfaction. Also, how DeCA personnel and patron services such as new computer systems for checking groceries, how long patrons wait in line, store throughput and queuing, transaction based comment cards, and any new customer service DeCA may want to implement that will need patron support. The vehicle for any survey whether it is by interview or mailing will not burden the patron over fifteen minutes. The Customer Service Evaluation System (CSES) that uses the Commissary Customer Service Survey may be included under this heading.

Market Basket Surveys

These surveys support the differences between commissary and private sector supermarket prices and the average savings to the commissary patron. Also,