

Effective on October 15, 1998, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for in the agreement between the Governments of the United States and Bulgaria:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
410/624	2,401,543 square meters of which not more than 836,774 square meters shall be in Category 410.
433	14,975 dozen.
435	26,047 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

October 8, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice printed on jade green guilloche patterned background paper.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

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 Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China have agreed to amend the existing export visa requirements to provide for the use of a

new textile export license/commercial invoice, issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China, for shipments of goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China on and after January 1, 1999. The new license/invoice shall be printed on jade green guilloche patterned background paper with the map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The jade green form replaces the light purple export license/commercial invoice currently in use. The visa stamp is not being changed at this time.

Shipments of textile and apparel products which are produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1999 through January 31, 1999 may be accompanied by a visa printed on either the light purple background paper or the jade green background paper as described above. Both the light purple and the jade green forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

See 62 FR 15465, published on April 1, 1997.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 8, 1998.

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 March 27, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive establishes an export visa arrangement for certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 1999, for products exported from China on or after January 1, 1999, you are directed to amend the March 27, 1997 directive to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on jade green guilloche patterned background paper with a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The jade green form will replace the light purple form currently being used.

To facilitate implementation of this amendment to the export licensing system, you are directed to permit entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1999 through January 31, 1999, for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has issued an export license/commercial invoice printed on either the light purple background paper or the jade green background paper as described above. Both the light purple and the jade

green forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Products exported on and after February 1, 1999 must be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China only on the jade green license/invoice form.

The requirements for ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) remain unchanged.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Korea

October 8, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 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 current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special swing, carryover, carryforward and recrediting unused carryforward.

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, 157,000 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 67833, published on December 30, 1997.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 8, 1998.

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 December 22, 1997, 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 Korea and exported during the period beginning January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998.

Effective on October 15, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
Group I	
200-223, 224-V ² , 224-O ³ , 225, 226, 227, 300-326, 360-363, 369pt. ⁴ , 400-414, 464, 469pt. ⁵ , 600-629, 666, 669-P ⁶ , 669pt. ⁷ , and 670-O ⁸ , as a group.	408,535,685 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel within Group I	
200	525,669 kilograms.
201	2,159,623 kilograms.
611	4,187,410 square meters.
619/620	103,021,570 square meters.
624	9,006,760 square meters.
625/626/627/628/629	17,387,720 square meters.

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
Group II	
237, 239pt. ⁹ , 331-348, 350-352, 359-H ¹⁰ , 359pt. ¹¹ , 431, 433-438, 440-448, 459-W ¹² , 459pt. ¹³ , 631, 633-652, 659-H ¹⁴ , 659-S ¹⁵ and 659pt. ¹⁶ , as a group.	569,855,239 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels within Group II	
333/334/335	302,839 dozen of which not more than 154,785 dozen shall be in Category 335.
336	65,204 dozen.
341	224,756 dozen.
345	135,599 dozen.
351/651	258,076 dozen.
352	200,826 dozen.
433	15,258 dozen.
434	7,646 dozen.
436	16,107 dozen.
438	63,381 dozen.
442	54,935 dozen.
444	60,137 numbers.
445/446	57,244 dozen.
447	93,650 dozen.
448	39,533 dozen.
631	339,095 dozen pairs.
636	299,773 dozen.
638/639	5,501,175 dozen.
640-O ¹⁷	2,639,962 dozen.
641	1,099,987 dozen of which not more than 42,585 dozen shall be in Category 641-Y ¹⁸ .
647/648	1,328,742 dozen.
650	27,490 dozen.
659-H	1,434,249 kilograms.
659-S	202,169 kilograms.
Sublevel within Group III	
835	31,390 dozen.

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

²Category 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.

³Category 224-O: all remaining HTS numbers in Category 224.

⁴Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091, 6307.90.9905, (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, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700.

⁵Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

⁶Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁷Category 669pt.: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040.

⁸Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907 (Category 670-L).

⁹Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

¹⁰Category 359-H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060.

¹¹Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6505.90.1540, 6505.20.2060 (Category 359-H); and 6406.99.1550.

¹²Category 459-W: only HTS number 6505.90.4090.

¹³Category 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.

¹⁴Category 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.

¹⁵Category 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.

¹⁶Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 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.

¹⁷Category 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).

¹⁸Category 641-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

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 1998, you are directed to charge 157,000 square meters equivalent to the Group II limit.

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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