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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Costa Rica

December 14, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs establishing
limits and guaranteed access levels.

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.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.

The import restraint limits and
Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for
textile products, produced or
manufactured in Costa Rica 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
limits and guaranteed access levels for
1999. The limit for Category 443 has
been reduced for carryforward applied
in 1998.

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 61 FR 66057,

published on December 17, 1997).

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

Requirements for participation in the
Special Access Program are available in
Federal Register notice 63 FR 16474,
published on April 3, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 14, 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 and man-made fiber textile
products in the following categories,
produced or manufactured in Costa Rica and
exported during the twelve-month period
beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending
through December 31, 1999, in excess of the
following restraint limits:

Category	Twelve-month limit
340/640	1,146,696 dozen.
342/642	423,310 dozen.
347/348	1,932,437 dozen.
443	205,635 numbers.
447	11,783 dozen.

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 November 24, 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.

Also pursuant to the ATC, and under the
terms of the Special Access Program, as set
forth in 63 FR 16474 (April 3, 1998), you are
directed to establish guaranteed access levels
for properly certified cotton, wool and man-
made fiber textile products in the following
categories which are assembled in Costa Rica
from fabric formed and cut in the United
States and re-exported to the United States
from Costa Rica during the period beginning
on January 1, 1999 and extending through
December 31, 1999:

Category	Guaranteed access level
340/640	650,000 dozen.

Category	Guaranteed access level
342/642	250,000 dozen.
347/348	1,500,000 dozen.
443	200,000 numbers.
447	4,000 dozen.

Any shipment for entry under the Special
Access Program which is not accompanied
by a valid and correct certification in
accordance with the provisions of the
certification requirements established in the
directive of May 15, 1990, as amended, shall
be denied entry unless the Government of
Costa Rica authorizes the entry and any
charges to the appropriate specific limit. Any
shipment which is declared for entry under
the Special Access Program but found not to
qualify shall be denied entry into the United
States.

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
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

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

December 14, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 17, 1998.

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 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 limit for Category 369-S is being increased for carryover and swing, reducing the limits for the Fabric Group and Category 227 to account for the swing being applied.

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 67829, published on December 30, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 14, 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 and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Arab Republic of Egypt and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on December 17, 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 twelve-month limit ¹
Fabric Group 218-220, 224- 227, 313-O ² , 314-O ³ , 315- O ⁴ , 317-O ⁵ , and 326-O ⁶ , as a group.	101,168,329 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel within Fab- ric Group 227	18,524,290 square meters.
Level not in a group 369-S ⁷	1,640,539 kilograms.

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

² Category 313-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

³ Category 314-O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

⁴ Category 315-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

⁵ Category 317-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

⁶ Category 326-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.

⁷Category 369-S: only HTS number 3607.10.2005.

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 and Guaranteed Access Levels
for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber
Textile Products Produced or
Manufactured in El Salvador**

December 14, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs establishing
import limits and guaranteed access
levels.

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 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 and
Guaranteed Access Levels for textile
products, produced or manufactured in
El Salvador and exported during the
periods January 1, 1999 through March
28, 1999 (Categories 342/642) and
January 1, 1999 through December 31,
1999 (Categories 340/640) are based on
limits notified to the Textiles
Monitoring Body pursuant to the
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles
and Clothing (ATC) and Memoranda of
Understanding (MOUs) dated
September 26, 1994 and July 18, 1996
between the Governments of the United
States and El Salvador.

In the letter published below, the
Chairman of CITA directs the
Commissioner of Customs to establish
limits and guaranteed access levels for
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
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Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 14, 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; the
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and
Clothing (ATC); and Memoranda of
Understanding (MOUs) dated September 26,
1996 and July 18, 1996 between the
Governments of the United States and El
Salvador, 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 the following categories,
produced or manufactured in El Salvador
and exported during the periods January 1,
1999 through March 28, 1999 (Categories
342/642) and January 1, 1999 through
December 31, 1999 (Categories 340/640), in
excess of the following restraint limits:

Category	Restraint limit
340/640	1,229,436 dozen.
342/642	90,388 dozen.

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 24, 1997) to the
extent of any unfiled 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.

Also pursuant to the ATC and Memoranda
of Understanding dated September 26, 1994