

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

July 23, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 29, 2003.

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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 for carryover, carryforward, swing, special shift, the allowance for 100% cotton apparel items of handloomed fabric, and the recrediting of unused carryforward.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). *Also see* 67 FR 68569, published on November 12, 2002.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 23, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 1, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation

of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on July 29, 2003, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
218	27,049,106 square meters.
219	98,446,174 square meters.
313	71,697,337 square meters.
314	13,867,950 square meters.
315	23,292,600 square meters.
317	24,936,738 square meters.
326	13,776,970 square meters.
334/634	263,512 dozen.
335/635	1,222,862 dozen.
336/636	1,707,151 dozen.
338/339	5,777,024 dozen.
340/640	3,341,638 dozen.
341	6,636,453 dozen of which not more than 4,017,873 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ² .
342/642	2,476,300 dozen.
345	384,415 dozen.
347/348	1,342,531 dozen.
351/651	479,170 dozen.
363	80,482,444 numbers.
369-S ³	1,340,745 kilograms.
641	2,360,009 dozen.
647/648	1,448,882 dozen.
Group II	
200, 201, 220, 224-227, 237, 239pt. ⁴ , 300, 301, 331pt. ⁵ , 332, 333, 352, 359pt. ⁶ , 360-362, 603, 604, 611-620, 624-629, 631pt. ⁷ , 633, 638, 639, 643-646, 652, 659pt. ⁸ , 666pt. ⁹ , 845, 846 and 852, as a group	186,847,246 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

² Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

³ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

⁴ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁵ Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1720, 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.5510, 6116.10.7510, 6116.92.6410, 6116.92.6420, 6116.92.6430, 6116.92.6440, 6116.92.7450, 6116.92.7460, 6116.92.7470, 6116.92.8800, 6116.92.9400 and 6116.99.9510.

⁶ Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.19.8010, 6117.10.6010, 6117.20.9010, 6203.22.1000, 6204.22.1000, 6212.90.0010, 6214.90.0010, 6406.99.1550, 6505.90.1525, 6505.90.1540, 6505.90.2060 and 6505.90.2545.

⁷ Category 631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730, 6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520, 6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.4800, 6116.99.5400 and 6116.99.9530.

⁸ Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.11.0010, 6115.12.2000, 6117.10.2030, 6117.20.9030, 6212.90.0030, 6214.30.0000, 6214.40.0000, 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.

⁹ Category 666pt.: all HTS numbers except 5805.00.4010, 6301.10.0000, 6301.40.0010, 6301.40.0020, 6301.90.0010, 6302.53.0010, 6302.53.0020, 6302.53.0030, 6302.93.1000, 6302.93.2000, 6303.12.0000, 6303.19.0010, 6303.92.1000, 6303.92.2010, 6303.92.2020, 6303.99.0010, 6304.11.2000, 6304.19.1500, 6304.19.2000, 6304.91.0040, 6304.93.0000, 6304.99.6020, 6307.90.9884, 9404.90.8522 and 9404.90.9522.

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,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Designations under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

July 23, 2003.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

ACTION: Designation

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (Committee) has determined that 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, made from 21 through 36 NM single ring-spun yarns of different colors, classified in 5208.43.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, weighing not more than 200 grams per square meter, for use in apparel articles excluding gloves, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Committee hereby designates apparel articles, excluding

gloves, that are both cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country, from these fabrics as eligible for quota-free and duty-free treatment under the textile and apparel commercial availability provisions of the CBTPA and eligible under HTSUS subheadings 9820.11.27, to enter free of quota and duties, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 211 of the CBTPA, amending Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA); Presidential Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000; Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

Background

The commercial availability provision of the CBTPA provides for duty-free and quota-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary CBTPA country from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States if it has been determined that such yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and certain procedural requirements have been met. In Presidential Proclamation 7351, the President proclaimed that this treatment would apply to apparel articles from fabrics or yarn designated by the appropriate U.S. government authority in the Federal Register. In Executive Order 13191, the President authorized the Committee to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

On April 21, 2003 the Chairman of the Committee received a petition from Sandler, Travis, and Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA); Intradeco, Inc. of Miami, Florida; J. C. Penney Purchasing Corporation of Plano, Texas; and Knothe Apparel Group, Inc. of Ashford, Alabama alleging that 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, made from 21 through 36 NM single ring-spun yarns of different colors, classified in 5208.43.00 of the HTSUS, of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, weighing not more than 200 grams per square meter, for use in apparel articles excluding gloves,

cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting quota- and duty-free treatment under the CBTPA for apparel articles that are both cut and sewn in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics.

In response to a previous commercial availability request by the same petitioners on 100 percent cotton, yarn-dyed flannel fabric, the Committee requested public comments on June 17, 2002 (67 FR 41219). Also in response to the previous petition, the Committee and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) sought the advice of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Wholesaling and Retailing and the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Textiles and Apparel regarding the proposed action on July 3, 2002. On July 3, 2002, the Committee and USTR offered to hold consultations with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate (Congressional Committees) regarding the proposed action. On July 23, 2002, the U.S. International Trade Commission provided advice regarding the proposed action. Based on the information and advice received and its understanding of the industry, the Committee determined that the fabric set forth in the instant petition cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On May 19, 2003, the Committee and USTR submitted a report to the Congressional Committees that set forth the action proposed, the reasons for such action, and advice obtained. A period of 60 calendar days since this report was submitted has expired.

The Committee hereby designates as eligible for preferential treatment under HTSUS subheading 9820.11.27, apparel articles, excluding gloves, that are both cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more eligible CBTPA beneficiary countries, from 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, made from 21 through 36 NM single ring-spun yarns of different colors, classified in 5208.43.00 of the HTSUS, of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, weighing not more than 200 grams per square meter, not formed in the United States, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States, subject to the special rules for findings and trimmings, certain interlinings and de minimis fibers and yarns under section 112 (d) of the CBTPA, and that such articles are imported directly into the customs territory of the United States from an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country.

An "eligible CBTPA beneficiary country" means a country which the President has designated as a CBTPA beneficiary country under section 213(b)(5)(B) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(5)(B)) and which has been the subject of a finding, published in the Federal Register, that the country has satisfied the requirements of section 213(b)(4)(A)(ii) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(4)(A)(ii)) and resulting in the enumeration of such country in U.S. note 1 to subchapter XX of Chapter 98 of the HTSUS.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the AFOSR Review. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the SAB leadership to advise the Director on the outcome of the AFOSR Review. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: August 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: 1560 Wilson Boulevard, 4th Floor, Arlington, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Dwight Pavak, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington, DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing; Correction

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy published a document in the **Federal**