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 reopenings, 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, manmade 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	27 040 406 aguara
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
334/634	meters. 263,512 dozen. 1,222,862 dozen. 1,707,151 dozen. 5,777,024 dozen. 3,341,638 dozen. 6,636,453 dozen of which not more than 4,017,873 dozen shall be in Category
342/642	341–Y². 2,476,300 dozen. 384,415 dozen. 1,342,531 dozen. 479,170 dozen. 80,482,444 numbers. 1,340,745 kilograms. 2,360,009 dozen. 1,448,882 dozen. 186,847,246 square meters equivalent.

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

⁵Category 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, 6116.92.7450, 6116.92.9510.

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.

⁷Category 631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730, 6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520, 6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.94800, 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.

⁹Category 666pt.: all HTS numbers except 5805.00.4010, 6301.10.0000, 6301.40.0010, 6301.40.0020, 6302.53.0020, 6301.90.0010. 6302.53.0010 6302.53.0030, 6302.93.1000 6302.93.2000, 6303.19.0010, 6303.12.0000, 6303.92.1000, 6303.92.2010, 6303.92.2020 6303.99.0010, 6304.19.1500, 6304.11.2000, 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

²Category 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).