

empirical data referenced in the responses.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Hong Kong

December 18, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 24, 2002.

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 this limit, 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.gov>. For information on
embargoes and quota re-openings, refer
to the Office of Textiles and Apparel
website at <http://www.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 limit for Categories 645/
646 is being increased to address a data
discrepancy in these categories (see 67
FR 72922, published on December 9,
2002).

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 66 FR 65178,
published on December 18, 2001). Also

see 66 FR 63219, published on
December 5, 2001.

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 18, 2002.

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 November 29, 2001, 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 Hong Kong and
exported during the twelve-month period
which began on January 1, 2002 and extends
through December 31, 2002.

Effective on December 24, 2002, you are
directed to increase the current limit for
Categories 645/646 to 1,382,047 dozen¹, as
provided for under the Uruguay Round
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing

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,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Removing a Company From List of Companies in Macau From Which Customs Shall Deny Entry to Textiles and Textile Products

December 20, 2002.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs directing
Customs not to apply the directive
regarding denial of entry to shipments
from a certain company.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 20, 2002.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for
any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural
Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);
Executive Order 12475 of May 9, 1984, as
amended.

In a notice and letter to the
Commissioner of Customs, dated August
27, 2002, and published in the **Federal
Register** on September 3, 2002 (67 FR
56282), the Chairman of CITA directed
the U.S. Customs Service to deny entry
to textiles and textile products allegedly
manufactured by certain listed
companies in Macau; Customs had
informed CITA that these companies
were found to have been illegally
transshipping, closed, or unable to
produce records to verify production.

Based on information received since
that time, CITA has determined that Mei
Lai, one of the listed companies, should
not be subject to that directive. Effective
on December 20, 2002, Customs should
not apply the directive to shipments of
textiles and textile products allegedly
manufactured by this company. CITA
expects that Customs will conduct
additional on-site verifications of this
company's production when possible.

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 20, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC
20229.

Dear Commissioner: In the letter to the
Commissioner of Customs, dated August 27,
2002 (67 FR 56282), the Chairman of CITA
directed the U.S. Customs Service to deny
entry to textiles and textile products
allegedly manufactured by certain listed
companies in Macau; Customs had informed
CITA that these companies were found to
have been illegally transshipping, closed, or
unable to produce records to verify
production.

Based on information received since that
time, CITA has determined that Mei Lai, one
of the listed companies, should not be subject
to that directive. Effective on December 20,
2002, Customs should not apply the directive
to shipments of textiles and textile products
allegedly manufactured by this company.
CITA expects that Customs will conduct
additional on-site verifications of this
company's production when possible.

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