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Dated: December 16, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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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

December 17, 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: December 23, 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 limit for Group II is being increased for special swing from Category 369-S, decreasing the limit for Category 369-S to account for the special swing being applied to Group II.

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

December 17, 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 December 23, 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 369-S ²	740,745 kilograms.
Group II 200, 201, 220, 224- 227, 237, 239pt. ³ , 300, 301, 331pt. ⁴ , 332, 333, 352, 359pt. ⁵ , 360-362, 603, 604, 611- 620, 624-629, 631pt. ⁶ , 633, 638, 639, 643-646, 652, 659pt. ⁷ , 666pt. ⁸ , 845, 846 and 852, as a group	191,947,246 square meters equivalent.

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

² Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

³ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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

Denying Entry to Textiles and Textile Products Allegedly Manufactured by a Certain Factory in El Salvador

December 16, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to deny entry to shipments allegedly manufactured by a certain factory in El Salvador.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 22, 2003.

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

The U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has conducted on-site verification of textile and apparel production in a number of foreign countries. Based on information obtained through on-site verifications and from other sources, U.S. Customs has informed CITA that certain companies were illegally transshipping, were closed, or were unable to produce records to verify production. The Chairman of CITA has directed the U.S. Customs Service to issue regulations regarding the denial of entry of shipments from such companies. (*See*

Federal Register notice 64 FR 41395, published on July 30, 1999). In order to secure compliance with U.S. law, including section 204 and U.S. customs law, to carry out textile and textile product agreements, and to avoid circumvention of textile agreements, the Chairman of CITA is directing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to deny entry, for two years, to textile and textile products allegedly manufactured by Daewoo El Salvador, S.A. de C.V. The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has informed CITA that this company was found to have been illegally transshipping, closed, or unable to produce records to verify production.

Should CITA determine that this decision should be amended, such amendment will be published in the **Federal Register**.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 16, 2003.

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

Dear Commissioner: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has conducted on-site verification of textile and textile product production in a number of foreign countries. Based on information obtained through on-site verifications and from other sources, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has informed CITA that certain companies were illegally transshipping, were closed, or were unable to produce records to verify production. The Chairman of CITA has directed the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to issue regulations regarding the denial of entry of shipments from such companies (see directive dated July 27, 1999 (64 FR 41395), published on July 30, 1999). In order to secure compliance with U.S. law, including Section 204 and U.S. customs law, to carry out textile and textile product agreements, and to avoid circumvention of textile agreements, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, effective for goods exported on and after December 22, 2003 and extending through December 21, 2005, to deny entry to textiles and textile products allegedly manufactured by the factory, Daewoo El Salvador, S.A. de C.V. The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has informed CITA that this company was found to have been illegally transshipping, closed, or unable to produce records to verify production.

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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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Institute of Education Sciences; Overview Information; Small Business Innovation Research Program—Phase I Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.305S

Dates:

Applications Available: December 22, 2003.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: 8 p.m. Eastern time, February 19, 2004.

Eligible Applicants: Each organization submitting an application must qualify as a small business concern as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA) at the time of the award. This definition is included in the application package.

Firms with strong research capabilities in educational technologies, science, or engineering in any of the priority areas listed in the application package are encouraged to participate. Consultative or other arrangements between these firms and universities or other non-profit organizations are permitted, but the small business must serve as the grantee.

If it appears that an applicant organization does not meet the eligibility requirements, we will request an evaluation by the SBA. Under circumstances in which eligibility is unclear, we will not make a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) award until the SBA makes a determination.

Estimated Available Funds: Approximately \$3,000,000 for this competition for Phase I awards from the Institute of Education Sciences (Institute). The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research will announce another Phase I competition later in the fiscal year.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: Approximately \$100,000.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$100,000 for a single budget period of 6 months.

Estimated Number of Awards: 30 to 35.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 6 months for Phase I awards. Full Text of Announcement.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to stimulate technological innovation, strengthen the role of small business in meeting Department of Education research or research and development (R/R&D) needs, and increase the commercial application of innovations derived from Department-supported research or research and development.

For FY 2004, applicants must present activities that focus on priorities listed in the Priorities section of this application notice.

Priorities:

For FY 2004, we have selected two priorities for the SBIR program. An application must be limited to one priority listed in this notice. Duplicate applications will be returned without review. When an application is relevant to more than one priority, the applicant must decide which priority is most relevant and submit it under that priority only. However, there is no limitation on the number of different applications that an applicant may submit under this competition, even to the same priority. A firm may submit separate applications on different priorities, or different applications on the same priority, but each application should respond to only one priority.

Priorities

We invite applications that meet one of the following priorities. Awards for each priority will be made for amounts up to \$100,000.

Priority 1—Services

This priority supports research to develop effective business consulting services that can better serve the education community at both the local and State levels. The Institute's SBIR program invites proposals that seek to develop a plan or a business model for the provision of such services. More details about this priority can be found in the application package.

Priority 2—Products

This priority supports the development of empirically derived educational products in the areas of reading, mathematics, science or character/pro-social development at the pre-kindergarten through postsecondary levels, including products that support teachers and administrators as well as products that are used directly by students. More details about this