issuance of a valid visa. Also see 63 FR 17156, published on April 8, 1998.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2003 limits.

These limits may be revised if the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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). Information regarding the 2003 CORRELATION will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 9, 2002.

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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of November 7, 1997, as amended and extended by exchange of notes on June 22, 2000 and July 5, 2000, between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2003, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit
433	22,744 dozen. 11,372 dozen. 31,041 dozen. 191,282 numbers. 68,232 dozen.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Products in the above categories exported during 2002 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 27, 2001) 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.

These limits do not apply to goods entered under the Outward Processing Program, as defined in the letter to the Commissioner of Customs, dated December 8, 1999 (see 64 FR 69746).

Any shipment for entry under the Outward Processing Program which is not accompanied by a valid certification in accordance with the provisions established in the letter to the Commissioner of Customs, dated December 9, 1999 (see 64 FR 69743), shall be denied entry. However, the Government of Macedonia may authorize the entry and charges to the appropriate specific limits by the issuance of a valid visa. Also see directive dated April 2, 1998, (63 FR 17156). Any shipment which is declared for entry under the Outward Processing Program but found not to qualify shall be denied entry into the United States.

These limits may be revised if the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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 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

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in Malaysia

October 9, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 4824212. 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.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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 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 the 2003 limits.

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). Information regarding the 2003 CORRELATION will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

James C. Leonard III,

 ${\it Chairman, Committee for the Implementation} \\ {\it of Textile Agreements.}$

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 9, 2002.

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, 2003, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelvemonth period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003, in excess of the following limits:

6114.10.0020

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Fabric Group 218–220, 225–227, 313–326, 611–O ¹ , 613/614/615/617, 619 and 620, as a group Sublevels within the	195,978,516 square meters equivalent.
group 218	11,244,284 square meters.
219	54,472,310 square meters.
220	54,472,310 square meters.
225	54,472,310 square meters.
226	54,472,310 square meters.
227	54,472,310 square meters.
313	64,966,974 square meters. 78,160,182 square
315	meters. 54,472,310 square
317	meters. 54,472,310 square
326	meters. 10,533,717 square
611–O	meters. 6,320,231 square me-
613/614/615/617	ters. 62,528,148 square
619	meters. 8,426,974 square meters.
620	10,533,717 square meters.
Other specific limits 200	474,165 kilograms. 637,988 dozen. 5,029,058 kilograms. 884,713 dozen pairs. 395,859 dozen of which not more than 237,585 dozen shall
336/636	be in Category 333. 768,788 dozen. 1,906,007 dozen. 2,220,127 dozen. 2,877,368 dozen of which not more than 1,026,503 dozen shall be in Category 341.
342/642 345 347/348 351/651 363 435 438–W ³ 442 445/446 604 634/635 638/639 645/646	687,058 dozen. 264,283 dozen. 807,769 dozen. 427,646 dozen. 6,699,443 numbers. 16,720 dozen. 13,683 dozen. 20,376 dozen. 32,343 dozen. 2,205,129 kilograms. 1,342,953 dozen. 791,099 dozen. 605,079 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
647/648	2,847,442 dozen of which not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 647–K ⁴ and not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 648–K ⁵
Group II 201, 224, 239pt 6, 332, 352, 359pt. 7, 360–362, 369pt. 8, 400–414, 433, 434, 436, 438–O 9, 440, 443, 444, 447, 448, 459pt. 10, 469pt. 11, 603, 618, 624– 629, 633, 643, 644, 652, 659pt. 12, 666pt. 13, 845, 846 and 852, as a group	29,124,333 square meters equivalent.

¹ Category 611–O: all HTS numbers except 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025 and 5516.14.0085.

²Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.1720, 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, and 6116.99.9510.; Category 6116.92.9400 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

³ Category 438-W: only HTS numbers 6104.21.0060. 6104.23.0020. 6104.29.2051. 6106.20.1010, 6106.20.1020, 6106.90.1010, 6106.90.2520, 6106.90.1020, 6106.90.3020. 6109.90.1540, 6109.90.8020. 6110.11.0080 6110.12.2080, 6110.19.0080, 6110.30.1560. 6110.90.9074 and 6114.10.0040

⁴Category 647–K: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0040, 6103.23.0045, 6103.29.1020, 6103.29.1030, 6103.43.1520, 6103.43.1540, 6103.49.1060, 6103.49.8014, 6112.12.0050, 6112.19.1050, 6112.20,.1060 and 6113.00.9044.

⁵ Category 6104.23.0032, 648-K: only HTS numbers 6104.23.0034. 6104.29.1030, 6104.29.1040. 6104.29.2038. 6104.63.2006. 6104.63.2011 6104.63.2026 6104.63.2028 6104.63.2030, 6104.63.2060, 6104.69.2030 6104.69.2060 6104.69.8026. 6112.12.0060. 6112.19.1060. 6112.20.1070, 6113.00.9052 and 6117.90.9070.

⁶ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁷Category 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, 6505.90.2545.

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8 Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except
4202.12.4000,
               4202.12.8020,
                               4202.12.8060,
4202.22.4020,
               4202.22.4500,
                               4202.22.8030,
4202.32.4000,
                4202.32.9530,
                               4202.92.0505,
4202.92.1500,
               4202.92.3016,
                               4202.92.6091,
5601.10.1000,
               5601.21.0090,
                               5701.90.1020
5701.90.2020,
               5702.10.9020,
                               5702.39.2010,
5702.49.1020,
               5702.49.1080,
                               5702.59.1000
5702.99.1010,
               5702.99.1090,
                               5705.00.2020
5805.00.3000.
               5807.10.0510.
                               5807.90.0510.
6301.30.0010,
               6301.30.0020,
                               6302,51.1000
                               6302.51.4000
6302.51.2000.
               6302.51.3000.
                               6302.91.0005
6302.60.0010.
               6302.60.0030,
               6302.91.0045,
6302.91.0025
                               6302.91.0050
                               6303.91.0010
6302.91.0060,
               6303.11.0000.
               6304.91.0020
6303.91.0020,
                               6304.92.0000
6305.20.0000,
               6306.11.0000,
                               6307.10.1020
6307.10.1090,
               6307.90.3010.
                               6307.90.4010,
6307.90.5010,
               6307.90.8910
                               6307.90.8945
6307.90.9882
               6406.10.7700.
                               9404.90.1000
9404.90.8040 and 9404.90.9505
<sup>9</sup> Category 6103.21.0050,
              438–O: only 6103.23.0025,
                                    numbers
                               6105.20.1000,
6105.90.1000,
               6105.90.8020,
                               6109.90.1520,
6110.11.0070,
               6110.12.2070.
                               6110.19.0070
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¹⁰ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.19.8020, 6117.10.1000, 6117.10.2010, 6117.20.9020, 6212.90.0020, 6214.20.0000, 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505, 6406.99.1560.

6110.90.9072,

6110.30.1550

and 6117.90.9025.

¹¹ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010, 6304.19.3040, 6304.91.0050, 6304.99.1500, 6304.99.6010, 6308.00.0010 and 6406.10.9020.

¹²Category 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.

13 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 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 2002 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see the November 27, 2001 directive) 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.

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 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

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