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Dated: May 12, 2000.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Dated: May 10, 2000.

Cathleen Short,

Assistant Director—Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

May 15, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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 U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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 carryforward used.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 69228, published on December 10, 1999.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 15, 2000.

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 December 6, 1999, 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 China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on May 19, 2000, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels in Group I	
315	134,267,555 square meters.
336	176,630 dozen.
338/339	2,340,182 dozen of which not more than 1,727,430 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ² .
341	684,724 dozen of which not more than 415,540 shall be in Category 341-Y ³ .
342	269,911 dozen.
345	128,000 dozen.
347/348	2,302,424 dozen.
351	567,560 dozen.
352	1,642,583 dozen.
360	8,076,935 numbers of which not more than 5,369,811 shall be in Category 360-P ⁴ .
361	4,343,917 numbers.
362	7,264,329 numbers.
443	129,225 numbers.
445/446	284,457 dozen.
447	69,344 dozen.
640	1,359,055 dozen.
647	1,539,516 dozen.
648	1,107,760 dozen.
649	961,354 dozen.
651	787,814 dozen of which not more than 140,341 dozen shall be in Category 651-B ⁵ .
659-S ⁶	637,529 kilograms

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Group II 330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O ⁷ , 431, 432, 439, 459, 630, 632, 653, 654 and 659-O ⁸ , as a group.	125,767,893 square meters equivalent.
Group IV 832, 834, 838, 839, 843, 850-852, 858 and 859, as a group.	11,881,397 square meters equivalent.
Level not in a Group 870	33,149,638 kilograms.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

² Category 338-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0012, 6109.10.0014, 6109.10.0018 and 6109.10.0023; Category 339-S: only HTS numbers 6104.22.0060, 6104.29.2049, 6106.10.0010, 6106.10.0030, 6106.90.2510, 6106.90.3010, 6109.10.0070, 6110.20.1030, 6110.20.2045, 6110.20.2075, 6110.90.9070, 6112.11.0040, 6114.20.0010 and 6117.90.9020.

³ Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

⁴ Category 360-P: only HTS numbers 6302.21.3010, 6302.21.5010, 6302.21.7010, 6302.21.9010, 6302.31.3010, 6302.31.5010, 6302.31.7010 and 6302.31.9010.

⁵ Category 651-B: only HTS numbers 6107.22.0015 and 6108.32.0015.

⁶ Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

⁷ Category 359-O: all HTS number except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070 (Category 359-V).

⁸ Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H); 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020 (Category 659-S).

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,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

May 15, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 2000.

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 U.S. Customs
website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For
information on embargoes and quota re-
openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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 reduced for
carryforward used.

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 64 FR 71982,
published on December 22, 1999). Also
see 64 FR 70220, published on
December 16, 1999.

D. Michael Hutchinson,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 15, 2000.
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 December 10, 1999, 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, 2000 and extends through
December 31, 2000.

Effective on May 22, 2000, you are directed
to reduce the 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	
336/636	997,391 dozen.
338/339	4,159,857 dozen.
340/640	2,166,908 dozen.
341	4,565,583 dozen of which not more than 2,828,440 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ² .
342/642	1,300,544 dozen.
345	231,410 dozen.
351/651	311,800 dozen.
363	51,293,555 numbers.
369-D ³	1,468,208 kilograms.
641	1,661,508 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to ac-
count for any imports exported after December
31, 1999.

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

³ Category 369-D: only HTS numbers
6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and
6302.91.0045.

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,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on a Request That the United States Consult With Mexico and Canada Concerning a Certain Filament Yarn; Amendment

May 15, 2000.

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

ACTION: Amending request for public
comments concerning a request for
consultations on certain filament yarn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Martin Walsh, 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 11651 of March 3, 1972, as
amended.

A notice published in the **Federal
Register** on March 1, 2000 (65 FR
11040) advised the public that CITA had
been petitioned to initiate consultations
with Mexico and Canada under Section
7(2) of Annex 300-B of the North
American Free Trade Agreement
(NAFTA) for the purpose of amending
the NAFTA rules of origin to permit the
use of non-North American filament
viscose rayon yarn classified in HTS
headings 5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32 and
5403.41 of the Harmonized Tariff
Schedule of the United States in
NAFTA originating goods. This notice
amends, but does not cancel, that
notice. The petition has been amended
to request consultations on the use of
non-North American filament yarn
classified in HTS heading 5403.39 of the
Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
United States, in addition to the four
filament viscose rayon yarn headings
listed in that notice.

There will be a 30-day comment
period beginning on May 19, 2000 and
extending through June 19, 2000.
Anyone wishing to comment or provide
data or information regarding domestic
production or availability of filament
yarn classified in HTS headings
5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32, 5403.39 and
5403.41 is invited to submit 10 copies
of such comments or information to D.
Michael Hutchinson, Acting Chairman,
Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of
Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

Comments or information submitted
in response to this notice will be
available for public inspection in the
Office of Textiles and Apparel, room
H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce,
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC.

The solicitation of comments is not a
waiver in any respect of the exemption
contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating
to matters which constitute a "foreign
affairs function of the United States."

D. Michael Hutchinson,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*
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