

extended an additional 18 months if circumstances warrant, but may not exceed 3 years. CELCP has noted that several land acquisition projects funded in 2002 will not be completed by the end of fiscal year 2005. These awards were issued during the first year of the Program, prior to the issuance of the Final Guidelines in which the three-year limit was stipulated. For this reason, CELCP is amending the Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program to allow the financial assistance award period for awards issued in fiscal year 2002 to be extended for an additional two years. The maximum award duration for these grants is five years and will end on September 30, 2007.

Classification

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism).

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: September 30, 2005.

Richard W. Spinrad,

Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service.

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ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 11, 2005.

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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call (202) 344-2650. 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 limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing, carryover, and 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 (refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>). Also see **Federal Register** notice 70 FR 8783, published on February 23, 2005.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 4, 2005.

Commissioner,
*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 February 17, 2005, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in Ukraine and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2005 and extends through December 31, 2005.

Effective on October 11, 2005, 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 Ukraine:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
435	120,212 dozen.
442	19,125 dozen.
444	18,107 numbers.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
448	82,878 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2004.

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

Solicitation of Public Comments on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China

October 5, 2005.

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

ACTION: Solicitation of public comments concerning a request for safeguard action on imports from China of combed cotton yarn (Category 301).

SUMMARY: On September 14, 2005, the Committee received a request from the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, the National Council of Textile Organizations, the National Textile Association, and UNITE HERE requesting that the Committee reapply a limit on imports from China of combed cotton yarn (Category 301). They request that a textile and apparel safeguard action, as provided for in the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (the Accession Agreement), be reapplied on imports of combed cotton yarn. The current limit on combed cotton yarn expires on December 31, 2005. The Committee hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether imports from China of combed cotton yarn are, due to the threat of market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product. Comments must be submitted by November 10, 2005 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001A, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Ukraine

October 4, 2005.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Dowling, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956, as amended; Executive Order 11651, as amended.

Background:

The Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (WTO) provides that, if a WTO Member, such as the United States, believes that imports of Chinese origin textile and apparel products are, "due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products", it may request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding the disruption. Pursuant to this provision, if the United States requests consultations with China, it must, at the time of the request, provide China with a detailed factual statement showing (1) the existence or threat of market disruption; and (2) the role of products of Chinese origin in that disruption. Beginning on the date that it receives such a request, China must restrict its shipments to the United States to a level no greater than 7.5 percent (6 percent for wool product categories) above the amount entered during the first 12 months of the most recent 14 months preceding the month in which the request was made.

The Committee has published procedures (the Procedures) it follows in considering requests for Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard actions (68 FR 27787, May 21, 2003; 68 FR 49440, August 18, 2003), including the information that must be included in such requests in order for the Committee to consider them.

On September 14, 2005, the Committee received a request that an Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard action be reapplied on imports from China of combed cotton yarn (Category 301). The Committee has determined that this request provides the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request in light of the considerations set forth in the Procedures. The text of the request is available at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/Safeguard05.htm>.

The Committee is soliciting public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether there is a threat of disruption to the U.S. market for combed cotton yarn and, if so, the role of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn in that disruption. To this end, the Committee seeks relevant information

addressing factors such as the following, which may be relevant in the particular circumstances of this case, involving a product under a quota that will be removed on December 31, 2005: (1) Whether combed cotton yarn imports from China are entering, or are expected to enter, the United States at prices that are substantially below prices of the like or directly competitive U.S. product, and whether those imports are likely to have a significant depressing or suppressing effect on domestic prices of the like or directly competitive U.S. product, or are likely to increase demand for further imports from China; (2) Whether exports of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn to the United States are likely to increase substantially and imminently (due to existing unused production capacity, to capacity that can easily be shifted from the production of other products to the production of combed cotton yarn, or to an imminent and substantial increase in production capacity or investment in production capacity), taking into account the availability of other markets to absorb any additional exports; (3) Whether Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn that are presently sold in the Chinese market or in third-country markets will be diverted to the U.S. market in the imminent future (for example, due to more favorable pricing in the U.S. market or to existing or imminent import restraints into third country market); (4) The level and the extent of any recent change in inventories of combed cotton yarn in China or in U.S. bonded warehouses; (5) Whether conditions of the domestic industry of the like or directly competitive product demonstrate that market disruption is likely (as may be evident from any anticipated factory closures or decline in investment in the production of combed cotton yarn, and whether actual or anticipated imports of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn are likely to affect the development and production efforts of the U.S. combed cotton yarn industry; and (6) Whether U.S. managers, retailers, purchasers, importers or other market participants have recognized Chinese producers of combed cotton yarn as potential suppliers (for example, through pre-qualification procedures or framework agreements).

Comments may be submitted by any interested person. Comments must be received no later than November 10, 2005. Interested persons are invited to submit ten copies of such comments to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001A, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that there is no threat of market disruption or that the subject imports are not threatening to cause market disruption, the Committee will closely review any supporting information and documentation, such as information about domestic production or prices of like or directly competitive products. Particular consideration will be given to comments representing the views of actual producers in the United States of a like or directly competitive product.

The Committee will protect any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. To the extent that business confidential information is provided, two copies of a non-confidential version must also be provided in which business confidential information is summarized or, if necessary, deleted. Comments received, with the exception of information marked "business confidential", will be available for inspection between Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Trade Reference and Assistance Center Help Desk, Suite 800M, USA Trade Information Center, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, (202) 482-3433.

The Committee expects to make a determination within 60 calendar days of the close of the comment period as to whether the United States will request consultations with China. If, however, the Committee is unable to make a determination within 60 calendar days, it will cause to be published a notice in the **Federal Register**, including the date by which it will make a determination. If the Committee makes a negative determination, it will cause this determination and the reasons therefore to be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Committee makes an affirmative determination that imports of Chinese origin combed cotton yarn are, due to the threat of market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products, the United States will request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding the disruption in accordance with the Accession Agreement and the Committee's Procedures.

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

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