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 reopenings, 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.

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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, manmade 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. 4,159,857 dozen. 2,166,908 dozen. 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. 231,410 dozen. 311,800 dozen. 51,293,555 numbers. 1,468,208 kilograms. 1,661,508 dozen.

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

31, 1999.

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

³Category 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. [FR Doc.00–12605 Filed 5–18–00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–DR–F

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 varn 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. [FR Doc. 00–12626 Filed 5–18–00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–DR–F