

Effective on April 29, 2003, you are directed to reduce the current limit for Categories 347/348 to 783,285 dozen¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of 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 Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Singapore

April 22, 2003.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Naomi Freeman, 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
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 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 (see
Federal Register notice 68 FR 1599,
published on January 13, 2003). Also

see 67 FR 57410, published on
September 10, 2002.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 22, 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 September 3, 2002, by the
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements. That directive
concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and
man-made fiber textile products, produced or
manufactured in Singapore and exported
during the twelve-month period which began
on January 1, 2003 and extends through
December 31, 2003.

Effective on April 29, 2003, you are
directed to adjust the limits for the following
categories, as provided for under the Uruguay
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
338/339	2,304,779 dozen of which not more than 1,346,934 dozen shall be in Category 338 and not more than 1,497,623 dozen shall be in Category 339.
347/348	1,574,557 dozen of which not more than 984,096 dozen shall be in Category 347 and not more than 765,411 dozen shall be in Category 348.
639	4,552,479 dozen.
642	488,991 dozen.

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

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

Designations Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provisions of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

April 22, 2003.

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

ACTION: Designation.

SUMMARY: The Committee has
determined that certain fabrics,
classified in subheadings 5210.21 and
5210.31 of the Harmonized Tariff
Schedule of the United States (HTSUS),
not of square construction, containing
more than 70 warp ends and filling
picks per square centimeter, of average
yarn number exceeding 70 metric, used
in the production of women's and girls'
blouses, cannot be supplied by the
domestic industry in commercial
quantities in a timely manner under the
CBTPA. The Committee hereby
designates such apparel articles that are
both cut and sewn or otherwise
assembled in an eligible CBTPA
beneficiary country from these fabrics as
eligible for quota-free and duty-free
treatment under the commercial
availability provisions of the CBTPA,
and eligible under the HTSUS
subheading 9820.11.27 to enter free of
quotas and duties, provided all other
fabrics are U.S. formed from yarns
wholly formed in the U.S.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Janet E. Heinzen, Office of Textiles and
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 211 of the CBTPA,
amending Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the
Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act
(CBERA); Presidential Proclamation 7351 of
October 2, 2000; Executive Order No. 13191
of January 17, 2001.

Background

The commercial availability provision
of the CBTPA provides for duty-free and
quota-free treatment for apparel articles
that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and
sewn or otherwise assembled in one or
more beneficiary CBTPA countries from
fabric or yarn that is not formed in the
United States or a beneficiary CBTPA
country if it has been determined that
such yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied
by the domestic industry in commercial
quantities in a timely manner and
certain procedural requirements have
been met. In Presidential Proclamation
7351, the President proclaimed that this

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