

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Settlement on Transshipment Charges, Establishment, Amendment and Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

April 9, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs announcing settlement on transshipment charges, establishing, amending and adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 1996.

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 or call (202) 927-6714. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated March 22, 1996, the Governments of the United States and Pakistan agreed that transshipment charges for bed sheets in Category 361 in the amount of 346,483 numbers will be deducted from the charges already made to Pakistan's 1995 quota level.

Also, the two governments agreed to establish annual limits, prorated this year beginning March 22, 1996, for Categories 666-P (pillowcases, excluding bolster cases) and Category 666-S (sheets) and to increase the 1996 base levels for Categories 360 and 361.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the

Commissioner of Customs to establish limits for Categories 666-P and 666-S for the prorated period beginning on March 22, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996 and to increase the current limits for Categories 360 and 361. The amended limits for Categories 360 and 361 reflect reduction of carryforward used in 1995, in the case of Category 360, and crediting of unused carryforward, in the case of Category 361. In a separate unpublished letter, the Commissioner of Customs is directed to deduct 346,483 numbers from the 1995 quota charges for Category 361.

Textile products in Categories 666-P and 666-S shall continue to require a Category 666 visa. Changes to the current visa requirements will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

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 609 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 40824, published on August 10, 1995; and 60 FR 62393, published on December 6, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and the MOU dated March 22, 1996, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 9, 1996.

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 November 29, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Pakistan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on April 16, 1996, you are directed to increase the current limits for Categories 360 and 361 and to establish limits for Categories 666-P and 666-S for the period beginning on March 22, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996,

pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding dated March 22, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and Pakistan, and as provided for under the terms of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, as follows:

Category	Limit ¹
360	4,170,345 numbers.
361	5,000,000 numbers.
666-P ¹	529,508 kilograms.
666-S ²	2,803,279 kilograms.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995 (Categories 360 and 361); and March 21, 1996 (Categories 666-P and 666-S).

² Category 666-P: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1010, 6302.22.1020, 6302.22.2010, 6302.32.1010, 6302.32.1020, 6302.32.2010 and 6302.32.2020.

³ Category 666-S: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1030, 6302.22.1040, 6302.22.2020, 6302.32.1030, 6302.32.1040, 6302.32.2030 and 6302.32.2040.

Textile products in Categories 666-P and 666-S which have been exported to the United States prior to March 22, 1996 shall not be subject to this directive.

Textile products in Categories 666-P and 666-S which have been released from the custody of the U.S. Customs Service under the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1448(b) or 1484(a)(1) prior to the effective date of this directive shall not be denied entry under this directive.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Arab Emirates

April 11, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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 or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The current limits for certain categories are being increased, variously, for carryforward and carryover.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 61 FR 9982, published on March 12, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
April 11, 1996.

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 March 5, 1996, 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 textile products, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on April 18, 1996, you are directed to amend the directive dated March 5, 1996 to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
338/339	584,161 dozen of which not more than 371,897 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ² .

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

²Category 338-S: only HTS numbers 6103.22.0050, 6105.10.0010, 6105.10.0030, 6105.90.8010, 6109.10.0027, 6110.20.1025, 6110.20.2040, 6110.20.2065, 6110.90.9068, 6112.11.0030 and 6114.20.0005; 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.

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,
Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of El Salvador on Cotton and Man-Made Skirts

April 11, 1996.
AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on categories for which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

On March 29, 1996, under the terms of Article 6 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of El Salvador with respect to cotton and man-made fiber skirts in Categories 342/642, produced or manufactured in El Salvador.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the

Government of El Salvador, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements may later establish a limit for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 342/642, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported during the twelve-month period which began on March 29, 1996 and extends through March 28, 1997, at a level of not less than 209,563 dozen.

A summary statement of serious damage concerning Categories 342/642 follows this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of Categories 342/642, or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in Categories 342/642, is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L. LeGrande. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of El Salvador.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. 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.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the agreement or the implementation thereof 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."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning Categories 342/642. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of El Salvador, further notice will be published in the Federal Register.

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

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
336/636	195,471 dozen.