

qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities—but no funds—to the cooperative research program.

Members will be expected to make a contribution to the consortium's efforts in the form of personnel, and/or funds. This is not a grant program.

**DATES:** Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

**ADDRESSES:** Technology Building, Room B360, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dr. Michael W. Cresswell, Telephone: 301-975-2072; FAX: 301-948-4081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST and Sandia National Laboratories have successfully fabricated and tested prototypes of a new class of reference materials to support CD-metrology below 0.25 m. This work has the long-term goal of the commercial availability of certified physical standards traceable to NIST. As a result of the multiple requests for sample prototypes for evaluative purposes that they have received, NIST and Sandia management have proposed a Consortium to maximize the benefits of exchanging measurement results made independently by a diverse group of participants, each of whom will be loaned a pre-measured prototype sample for evaluation. The purpose of the above meeting is to describe the chip layout and reference-feature construction, to review the CD-measurement results already extracted from the different chips by NIST and Sandia, and to explain the CRADA (Cooperative Research and Development Agreement) rules which will apply to the Consortium. The distribution of samples will begin as soon as signed CRADA documents are returned to NIST. Each participating organization will be requested to make an illustrated presentation of its CD-measurement results at a closed meeting to be held in conjunction with SEMICON/West 97.

Organizations not members of SEMATECH may be asked to contribute a nominal fee in order to participate.

Dated: October 28, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

*Associate Director.*

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**National Technical Information Service  
NTIS Advisory Board Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This meeting will be closed to the public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plans.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on December 10, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held in Room 2029 Sills Building, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This one-day meeting will be closed to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Linda Lucas, NTIS Advisory Board Secretary, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. Telephone: (703) 487-4636; Fax (703) 487-4093.

Dated: October 28, 1996.

Donald R. Johnson,

*Director.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE  
AGREEMENTS**

**Announcement of Import Restraint  
Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-  
Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other  
Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile  
Products Produced or Manufactured in  
Mauritius**

October 28, 1996.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1997.

**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 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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in the Mauritius and exported during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1997 limits.

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). Information regarding the 1997 **CORRELATION** will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

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 ATC, 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

October 28, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1997, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Knit Group 345, 438, 445, 446, 645 and 646, as a group.	165,952 dozen.
Levels not in a group	
237 .....	214,005 dozen.
335/835 .....	85,068 dozen.
336 .....	100,105 dozen.
338/339 .....	400,759 dozen.
340/640 .....	652,206 dozen of which not more than 397,014 dozen shall be in Categories 340-Y/640-Y <sup>1</sup> .
341/641 .....	451,798 dozen.
347/348 .....	843,579 dozen.
351/651 .....	198,399 dozen.
352/652 .....	1,682,422 dozen of which not more than 1,430,061 dozen shall be in Category 352.
442 .....	11,800 dozen.
604-A <sup>2</sup> .....	378,379 kilograms.
638/639 .....	460,874 dozen.
647/648/847 .....	621,460 dozen.

<sup>1</sup>Category 340-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2046, 6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060; Category 640-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and 6205.30.2060.

<sup>2</sup>Category 604-A: only HTS number 5509.32.0000.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by

previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment in the future pursuant to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the ATC and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

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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**Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Singapore**

October 28, 1996.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1997.

**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) 927-6716. 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.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Singapore and exported during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

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

Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1997 limits.

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). Information regarding the 1997 CORRELATION will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

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 ATC, 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

October 28, 1996.

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Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1997, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Singapore and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
222 .....	463,457 kilograms.
237 .....	264,858 dozen.
239 .....	521,911 kilograms.
331 .....	470,414 dozen pairs.
334 .....	71,794 dozen.
335 .....	215,960 dozen.
338/339 .....	1,292,577 dozen of which not more than 755,394 dozen shall be in Category 338 and not more than 839,904 dozen shall be in Category 339.
340 .....	904,613 dozen.
341 .....	227,466 dozen.
342 .....	139,978 dozen.