

Category	Guaranteed Access Level
338/638	3,650,000 dozen.
339/639	2,650,000 dozen.
633	120,000 dozen.

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, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Korea

November 14, 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: 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) 927-6707. 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 Korea 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 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

November 14, 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 the Republic of Korea 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
Group I	
200-223, 224-V ¹ , 224-O ² , 225-229, 300-326, 360-363, 369-O ³ , 400-414, 464-469, 600-629, 665-669 and 670-O ⁴ , as a group.	412,168,188 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels within Group I	
200	444,982 kilograms.
201	2,008,311 kilograms.
218	9,019,924 square meters.
219	8,213,263 square meters.
224-V	10,354,076 square meters.
300/301	3,025,717 kilograms.
313	49,308,915 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
314	27,492,488 square meters.
315	17,883,782 square meters.
317/326	18,324,475 square meters.
363	1,055,992 numbers.
410	3,501,026 square meters.
604	372,548 kilograms.
607	1,082,392 kilograms.
611	3,607,970 square meters.
613/614	6,013,282 square meters.
617	4,986,625 square meters.
619/620	93,181,150 square meters.
624	8,799,926 square meters.
625/626/627/628/629.	15,394,003 square meters.
669-P ⁵	2,214,210 kilograms.
Group II	
237, 239, 330-359, 431-459 and 630-659, as a group.	585,584,176 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels within Group II	
237	59,838 dozen.
239	999,399 kilograms.
333/334/335	270,598 dozen of which not more than 138,306 dozen shall be in Category 335.
336	57,185 dozen.
338/339	1,202,657 dozen.
340	625,382 dozen of which not more than 324,718 dozen shall be in Category 340-D ⁶ .
341	178,839 dozen.
342/642	217,495 dozen.
345	116,836 dozen.
347/348	444,982 dozen.
350	16,632 dozen.
351/651	228,483 dozen.
352	177,800 dozen.
353/354/653/654	264,431 dozen.
359-H ⁷	2,561,384 kilograms.
433	13,835 dozen.
434	7,096 dozen.
435	34,726 dozen.
436	14,701 dozen.
438	58,938 dozen.
440	197,221 dozen.
442	49,679 dozen.
443	322,056 numbers.
444	54,135 numbers.
445/446	51,901 dozen.
447	88,548 dozen.
448	34,949 dozen.
459-W ⁸	94,539 kilograms.
631	300,213 dozen pairs.
632	1,590,350 dozen pairs.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
633/634/635	1,352,738 dozen of which not more than 153,398 dozen shall be in Category 633 and not more than 571,665 dozen shall be in Category 635.
636	265,727 dozen.
638/639	5,266,681 dozen.
640-D ⁹	3,114,013 dozen.
640-O ¹⁰	2,595,010 dozen.
641	1,044,554 dozen of which not more than 39,456 dozen shall be in Category 641-Y ¹¹ .
643	773,856 numbers.
644	1,164,233 numbers.
645/646	3,567,066 dozen.
647/648	1,309,024 dozen.
650	24,339 dozen.
659-H ¹²	1,311,886 kilograms.
659-S ¹³	178,988 kilograms.
Group III	
831-844 and 847-859, as a group.	18,202,375 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel within Group III	
835	28,591 dozen.
Group IV	
845	2,315,056 dozen.
846	817,601 dozen.
Group VI	
369-L/670-L/870 ¹⁴ .	70,560,181 square meters equivalent.

¹ Category 224-V: only HTS numbers 5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.24.0000, 5801.25.0010, 5801.25.0020, 5801.26.0010, 5801.26.0020, 5801.31.0000, 5801.33.0000, 5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0010, 5801.35.0020, 5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020.

² Category 224-O: all remaining HTS numbers in Category 224.

³ Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090 (Category 369-L); and 5601.21.0090.

⁴ Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category 670-L).

⁵ Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁶ Category 340-D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030.

⁷ Category 359-H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060.

⁸ Category 459-W: only HTS number 6505.90.4090.

⁹ Category 640-D: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030.

¹⁰ Category 640-O: all HTS numbers except 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030 (Category 640-D).

¹¹ Category 641-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

¹² Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

¹³ Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹⁴ Category 870; Category 369-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090; Category 670-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.

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

The conversion factors for the following merged categories are listed below:

Category	Conversion factor (Square meters equivalent/category unit)
333/334/335	33.75
369-L/670-L/870	3.8
633/634/635	34.1
638/639	12.96

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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Amendment Export Visa Requirements for Certain Silk Apparel and Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

November 15, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices printed on light grey guilloche paper with a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

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.

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 Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China have agreed to amend the existing export visa requirements to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices, issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China, for shipments of goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China on and after January 1, 1997, which are printed on light grey guilloche patterned background paper with a newly added dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The light grey form replaces the light green export license/commercial invoice currently in use. The visa stamp is not being changed at this time. The Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC, will continue to issue the white pre-printed replacement visa now in use.

Shipments of textile and apparel products which are produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1997 through February 28, 1997 may be accompanied by a visa printed on either the light green or light grey background paper with a dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

See 59 FR 35324, published on July 11, 1994; and 60 FR 22567, published on May 8, 1995.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 15, 1996.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on July 5, 1994 and May 3, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. Those directives establish export visa arrangements for certain silk apparel and cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 1997, you are directed to amend the July 5, 1994 and May 3, 1995 directives to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued