

# **COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

## **Announcement of Import Restraint Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man- Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic**

November 5, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner of Customs establishing  
limits and guaranteed access levels.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1999.

**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  
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.ustras.gov>. For  
information on embargoes and quota re-  
openings, 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 import restraint limits and  
guaranteed access levels for textile  
products, produced or manufactured in  
the Dominican Republic and exported  
during the period January 1, 1999  
through December 31, 1999 are based on  
limits notified to the Textiles  
Monitoring Body pursuant to 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 1999 limits and guaranteed access  
levels. The limits for Categories 339/639  
and 347/348/647/648 have been  
reduced for carryforward applied in  
1998.

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 62 FR 66057,  
published on December 17, 1997).  
Information regarding the 1999  
**CORRELATION** will be published in the  
**Federal Register** at a later date.

Requirements for participation in the  
Special Access Program are available in

**Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474,  
published on April 3, 1998.

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

### **Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 5, 1998.

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); Executive Order  
11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the  
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and  
Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit,  
effective on January 1, 1999, 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 the Dominican  
Republic and exported during the twelve-  
month period beginning on January 1, 1999  
and extending through December 31, 1999, in  
excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Restraint limit
338/638 .....	951,261 dozen.
339/639 .....	1,080,321 dozen.
340/640 .....	979,271 dozen.
342/642 .....	689,136 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648.	2,194,361 dozen of which not more than 1,238,434 dozen shall be in Cat- egories 647/648.
351/651 .....	1,173,979 dozen.
433 .....	22,085 dozen.
442 .....	74,983 dozen.
443 .....	137,182 numbers.
444 .....	74,983 numbers.
448 .....	38,628 dozen.
633 .....	143,688 dozen.

The limits set forth above are subject to  
adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the  
ATC and administrative arrangements  
notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported  
during 1998 shall be charged to the  
applicable category limits for that year (see  
directive dated December 19, 1997) to the  
extent of any unfilled balances. In the event  
the limits established for that period have  
been exhausted by previous entries, such  
products shall be charged to the limits set  
forth in this directive.

Also pursuant to the ATC, and under the  
terms of the Special Access Program, as set  
forth in 63 FR 16474 (April 3, 1998), effective  
on January 1, 1999, you are directed to  
establish guaranteed access levels for  
properly certified textile products in the  
following categories which are assembled in  
the Dominican Republic from fabric formed  
and cut in the United States and re-exported  
to the United States from the Dominican  
Republic during the period January 1, 1999  
through December 31, 1999:

Category	Guaranteed access level
338/638 .....	1,150,000 dozen.

Category	Guaranteed access level
339/639 .....	1,150,000 dozen.
340/640 .....	1,000,000 dozen.
342/642 .....	1,000,000 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648.	8,050,000 dozen.
351/651 .....	1,000,000 dozen.
433 .....	21,000 dozen.
442 .....	65,000 dozen.
443 .....	50,000 numbers.
444 .....	30,000 numbers.
448 .....	40,000 dozen.
633 .....	60,000 dozen.

Any shipment for entry under the Special  
Access Program which is not accompanied  
by a valid and correct certification in  
accordance with the provisions of the  
certification requirements established in the  
directive of February 25, 1987, as amended,  
shall be denied entry unless the Government  
of the Dominican Republic authorizes the  
entry and any charges to the appropriate  
specific limits. Any shipment which is  
declared for entry under the Special Access  
Program but found not to qualify shall be  
denied entry into the United States.

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  
U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

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

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## **COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

### **Request for Public Comments on the Extension of Temporary Amendment to the Requirements for Participating in the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Countries**

November 5, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori  
E. Mennitt, 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 and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the Federal Register on December 17, 1997 (62 FR 66057) announced the temporary amendment to the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings under the Special Access Program. This amendment extended the exemption period for one year, December 23, 1997 through December 22, 1998, for women's and girls' chest type plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or welf-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643 which are entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015) provided they are cut in the United States. In a subsequent notice and letter published on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51903), the exemption was extended for the period September 23, 1998 through September 22, 1999 for men's and boys' chest type plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or welf-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets in the same categories.

The purpose of this notice is to request public comments on CITA's intention to combine and extend through December 31, 2000, the exemption periods for women's and girls' and men's and boys' "hymo" type interlining. Thereafter, the exemption period for women's and girls' and men's and boys' "hymo" type interlining would extend through December 31, 2000.

There will be a 30-day comment period beginning November 12, 1998 and extending through December 14, 1998. Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding domestic production or availability of the products mentioned above 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.

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."

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997).

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 99-C0003]

### Small World Toys, Inc., a Domestic Corporation; Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Federal Hazardous Substance Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e)-(h). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Small World Toys, Inc., a domestic corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$225,000.

**DATES:** Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by November 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to Comment 99-C0003, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis C. Kacoyanis, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626, 1346.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**  
*Secretary.*

### Settlement Agreement and Order

1. Small World Toys, Inc. (hereinafter, "Small World"), a corporation, enters into this Settlement Agreement

(hereinafter, "Agreement") with the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and agrees to the entry of the Order described herein. The purpose of the Agreement and Order is to settle the staff's allegations that Small World violated the Consent Decree of Permanent Injunction and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA).

### I. The Parties

2. The "staff" is the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an independent regulatory commission of the United States established pursuant to section 4 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2053.

3. Small World is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California. Small World's address is 5711 Buckingham Parkway, Culver City, CA 90231. Small World is an importer and wholesaler of children's toys.

### II. Allegations of the Staff

#### A. Violation of the Consent Decree

4. On July 31, 1986, the United States Department of Justice on behalf of the Commission and Small World entered into a Consent Decree of Permanent Injunction, hereinafter, "Consent Decree" (Consent Decree, Attachment A) to resolve allegations that Small World introduced or caused the introduction in interstate commerce; and received in interstate commerce and delivered or proffered delivery thereof for pay or otherwise, toys and other articles intended for use by children under three years of age that failed to comply with the Commission's Small Parts Regulation at 16 CFR Part 1501, in violation of sections 4 (a) and (c) of the FHSA, 15 U.S.C. 1263 (a) and (c).

5. The Consent Decree requires Small World to test six (6) units of a toy or other article intended for children under three years old for small parts pursuant to the use and abuse procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1501.4 and 1500.51 and .52 twice per calendar year unless Small World receives only one shipment of the particular toy during the calendar year. If any unit of a toy fails use and abuse procedures, Small World is prohibited from distributing the toy in interstate commerce and must notify the Commission in writing within three (3) days of the failure.

6. Small World has not complied with the testing and reporting requirements of the Consent Decree.

7. Small World's failure to comply with the testing and reporting requirements of the Consent Decree constitutes a violation of the Consent Decree.