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Richard B. Steinkamp,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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November 14, 2000.

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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of June 23, 2000 between the Governments of the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2001, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 340/640, produced or manufactured in Laos and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2001 and extending through December 31, 2001, in excess of 184,683 dozen.

The limit set forth above is subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Products in the above categories exported during 2000 shall be charged to the applicable category limit for that year (see directive dated December 10, 1999) to the extent of any unfilled balance. In the event the limit established for that period has been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limit set forth in this directive.

This limit may be revised if Laos becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Laos.

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 this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

November 14, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2001.

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.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 for textile products, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 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 2001 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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Information regarding the 2001

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Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Levels in Group I	
237	2,284,529 dozen.
331/631	7,398,029 dozen pairs.
333/334	357,875 dozen of which not more than 51,377 dozen shall be in Category 333.
335	232,941 dozen.
336	847,690 dozen.
338/339	2,611,936 dozen.
340/640	1,159,852 dozen.
341/641	1,046,620 dozen.
342/642	733,210 dozen.
345	218,348 dozen.
347/348	2,568,760 dozen.
350	193,296 dozen.
351/651	799,710 dozen.
352/652	3,140,670 dozen.
359-C/659-C ¹	1,086,526 kilograms.
361	2,441,638 numbers.
369-S ²	553,458 kilograms.
431	178,113 dozen pairs.
433	3,507 dozen.
443	42,408 numbers.
445/446	28,966 dozen.
447	8,053 dozen.
611	7,327,550 square me- ters.
633	47,244 dozen.
634	586,172 dozen.
635	378,360 dozen.
636	2,209,132 dozen.
638/639	2,683,169 dozen.
643	1,128,465 numbers.
645/646	930,992 dozen.
647/648	1,549,964 dozen.
649	9,395,504 dozen.
650	138,348 dozen.
659-H ³	1,820,297 kilograms.
847	1,207,369 dozen.

