

issuance of a valid visa. Also see 63 FR 17156, published on April 8, 1998.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2003 limits.

These limits may be revised if the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Information regarding the 2003 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 9, 2002.

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 November 7, 1997, as amended and extended by exchange of notes on June 22, 2000 and July 5, 2000, between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2003, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit
433	22,744 dozen.
434	11,372 dozen.
435	31,041 dozen.
443	191,282 numbers.
448	68,232 dozen.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Products in the above categories exported during 2002 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 27, 2001) 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.

These limits do not apply to goods entered under the Outward Processing Program, as defined in the letter to the Commissioner of Customs, dated December 8, 1999 (see 64 FR 69746).

Any shipment for entry under the Outward Processing Program which is not accompanied by a valid certification in accordance with the provisions established in the letter to the Commissioner of Customs, dated December 9, 1999 (see 64 FR 69743), shall be denied entry. However, the Government of Macedonia may authorize the entry and charges to the appropriate specific limits by the issuance of a valid visa. Also see directive dated April 2, 1998, (63 FR 17156). Any shipment which is declared for entry under the Outward Processing Program but found not to qualify shall be denied entry into the United States.

These limits may be revised if the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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,
James C. Leonard III,
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 Malaysia

October 9, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2003.

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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 Malaysia and exported during the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 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 2003 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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Information regarding the 2003 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

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October 9, 2002.

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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, 2003, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003, in excess of the following limits:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit	Category	Twelve-month restraint limit	⁸ Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except	
Fabric Group		647/648	2,847,442 dozen of which not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 647-K ⁴ and not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 648-K ⁵	4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500, 4202.22.8030, 4202.32.4000, 4202.32.9530, 4202.92.0505, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091, 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5805.00.3000, 5807.10.0510, 5807.90.0510, 6301.30.0010, 6301.30.0020, 6302.51.1000, 6302.51.2000, 6302.51.3000, 6302.60.0010, 6302.60.0030, 6302.91.0005, 6302.91.0025, 6302.91.0045, 6302.91.0060, 6303.11.0000, 6303.91.0020, 6304.91.0020, 6304.92.0000, 6305.20.0000, 6306.11.0000, 6307.10.1020, 6307.10.1090, 6307.90.3010, 6307.90.5010, 6307.90.8910, 6307.90.8945, 6307.90.9882, 6406.10.7700, 9404.90.1000, 9404.90.8040 and 9404.90.9505.	4202.12.8060, 4202.22.8030, 4202.92.0505, 4202.92.6091, 5701.90.1020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.59.1000, 5705.00.2020, 5807.90.0510, 6302.51.1000, 6302.51.4000, 6302.91.0005, 6302.91.0050, 6303.11.0010, 6304.92.0000, 6307.10.1020, 6307.90.4010, 6307.90.8945, 9404.90.1000,
218-220, 225-227, 313-326, 611-O ¹ , 613/614/615/617, 619 and 620, as a group	195,978,516 square meters equivalent.				
Sublevels within the group		Group II			
218	11,244,284 square meters.	201, 224, 239pt ⁶ , 332, 352, 359pt. ⁷ , 360-362, 369pt. ⁸ , 400-414, 433, 434, 436, 438-O ⁹ , 440, 443, 444, 447, 448, 459pt. ¹⁰ , 469pt. ¹¹ , 603, 618, 624-629, 633, 643, 644, 652, 659pt. ¹² , 666pt. ¹³ , 845, 846 and 852, as a group	29,124,333 square meters equivalent.		
219	54,472,310 square meters.				
220	54,472,310 square meters.				
225	54,472,310 square meters.				
226	54,472,310 square meters.				
227	54,472,310 square meters.				
313	64,966,974 square meters.				
314	78,160,182 square meters.				
315	54,472,310 square meters.				
317	54,472,310 square meters.				
326	10,533,717 square meters.				
611-O	6,320,231 square meters.				
613/614/615/617	62,528,148 square meters.				
619	8,426,974 square meters.				
620	10,533,717 square meters.				
Other specific limits					
200	474,165 kilograms.				
237	637,988 dozen.				
300/301	5,029,058 kilograms.				
331pt./631pt. ²	884,713 dozen pairs.				
333/334/335	395,859 dozen of which not more than 237,585 dozen shall be in Category 333.				
336/636	768,788 dozen.				
338/339	1,906,007 dozen.				
340/640	2,220,127 dozen.				
341/641	2,877,368 dozen of which not more than 1,026,503 dozen shall be in Category 341.				
342/642	687,058 dozen.				
345	264,283 dozen.				
347/348	807,769 dozen.				
351/651	427,646 dozen.				
363	6,699,443 numbers.				
435	16,720 dozen.				
438-W ³	13,683 dozen.				
442	20,376 dozen.				
445/446	32,343 dozen.				
604	2,205,129 kilograms.				
634/635	1,342,953 dozen.				
638/639	791,099 dozen.				
645/646	605,079 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 2002 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see the November 27, 2001 directive) 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.

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,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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