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.

À 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 proĥibit, 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.

#### 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 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 twelvemonth period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003, in excess of the following limits:

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Category	Twelve-month restraint limit	Category	Twelve-month restraint limit	<sup>8</sup> Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500, 4202.22.8030
Fabric Group 218–220, 225–227, 313–326, 611–O <sup>1</sup> , 613/614/615/617, 619 and 620, as a group Sublevels within the	195,978,516 square meters equivalent.	647/648	2,847,442 dozen of which not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 647–K <sup>4</sup> and not more than 1,993,206 dozen shall be in Category 648–K <sup>5</sup>	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, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000,   5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020,   5805.00.3000, 5807.10.0510, 5807.90.0510,   6301.30.0010, 6302.51.3000, 6302.51.4000,
group 218	11,244,284 square	Group II		6302.60.0010, 6302.60.0030, 6302.91.0005, 6302.91.0025, 6302.91.0045, 6302.91.0050,
219		201, 224, 239pt <sup>6</sup> , 332, 352, 359pt. <sup>7</sup> , 360–362, 369pt. <sup>8</sup> ,	29,124,333 square meters equivalent.	6302.91.0060, 6303.11.0000, 6303.91.0010, 6303.91.0020, 6304.91.0020, 6304.92.0000, 6305.20.0000, 6306.11.0000, 6307.10.1020,
220	meters. 54,472,310 square	400–414, 433, 434, 436, 438–O <sup>9</sup> ,		6307.10.1090, 6307.90.3010, 6307.90.4010, 6307.90.5010, 6307.90.8910, 6307.90.8945,
225		440, 443, 444, 447, 448,		6307.90.9882, 6406.10.7700, 9404.90.1000, 9404.90.8040 and 9404.90.9505.
226	meters. 54,472,310 square	459pt. <sup>10</sup> , 469pt. <sup>11</sup> , 603, 618, 624–		<sup>9</sup> Category 438–O: only HTS numbers 6103.21.0050, 6103.23.0025, 6105.20.1000, 6105.90.1000, 6105.90.8020, 6109.90.1520,
227	meters. 54,472,310 square	629, 633, 643, 644, 652,		6110.11.0070, 6110.12.2070, 6110.19.0070, 6110.30.1550, 6110.90.9072, 6114.10.0020
313		659pt. <sup>12</sup> , 666pt. <sup>13</sup> , 845, 846 and 852,		and 6117.90.9025. <sup>10</sup> Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.19.8020, 6117.10.1000, 6117.10.2010,
314		as a group	all HTS numbers except	6117.20.9020, 6212.90.0020, 6214.20.0000, 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090,
315	meters. 54,472,310 square meters.		5516.14.0025 and	6406.99.1505, 6406.99.1560. 11 Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except
317	54,472,310 square meters.	6116.10.1720, 6116.	all HTS numbers except 10.4810, 6116.10.5510,	5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010, 6304.19.3040, 6304.91.0050, 6304.99.1500, 6304.99.6010, 6308.00.0010 and 6406.10.9020.
326			92.6410, 6116.92.6420, 92.6440, 6116.92.7450, 92.7470, 6116.92.8800,	<sup>12</sup> Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.11.0010, 6115.12.2000, 6117.10.2030,
611–O	6,320,231 square me- ters.	6116.92.9400 and 6 631pt.: all HTS number	116.99.9510.; Category ers except 6116.10.1730,	6117.20.9030, 6212.90.0030, 6214.30.0000, 6214.40.0000. 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.
613/614/615/617	62,528,148 square meters.		10.5520, 6116.10.7520, 93.9400, 6116.99.4800, 6 99 9530	<sup>13</sup> Category 666pt.: all HTS numbers except 5805.00.4010, 6301.10.0000, 6301.40.0010,
619	8,426,974 square me- ters.		only HTS numbers	6301.40.0020, 6301.90.0010, 6302.53.0010, 6302.53.0020, 6302.53.0030, 6302.93.1000, 6302.93.2000, 6303.12.0000, 6303.19.0010,
620	10,533,717 square meters.		90.2520, 6106.90.3020,	6302.93.2000, 6303.12.0000, 6303.19.0010, 6303.92.1000, 6303.92.2010, 6303.92.2020, 6303.99.0010, 6304.11.2000, 6304.19.1500,
Other specific limits 200	474,165 kilograms.		90.8020, 6110.11.0080, 19.0080, 6110.30.1560, 4.10.0040.	6304.19.2000, 6304.91.0040, 6304.93.0000, 6304.99.6020, 6307.90.9884, 9404.90.8522
237	637,988 dozen.	<sup>4</sup> Category 647–K:	only HTS numbers	and 9404.90.9522.
300/301 331pt./631pt. <sup>2</sup>	5,029,058 kilograms. 884,713 dozen pairs.	6103.29.1030, 6103.4	23.0045, 6103.29.1020, 43.1520, 6103.43.1540,	The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the
333/334/335		6103.49.1060, 6103.4 6112.19.1050, 6 6113.00.9044.	43.1570, 6103.49.1020, 49.8014, 6112.12.0050, 6112.20,.1060 and	ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body. Products in the above categories exported during 2002 shall be charged to the
336/636	768,788 dozen.		only HTS numbers 23.0034, 6104.29.1030,	applicable category limits for that year (see
338/339	1,906,007 dozen.	6104.29.1040, 6104.2	29.2038, 6104.63.2006,	the November 27, 2001 directive) to the
340/640	2,220,127 dozen.		63.2026, 6104.63.2028, 63.2060, 6104.69.2030,	extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have
341/641	2,877,368 dozen of which not more than 1,026,503 dozen shall be in Category 341.	and 6117.90.9070.	20.1070, 6113.00.9052 only HTS number	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
342/642	687,058 dozen.	<sup>7</sup> Category 359pt.: a	All HTS numbers except 10.6010, 6117.20.9010,	Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption
345	264,283 dozen.	6203.22.1000, 6204.2	22.1000, 6212.90.0010,	to include entry for consumption into the
347/348 351/651	807,769 dozen. 427,646 dozen.		99.1550, 6505.90.1525, 6505.90.2060 and	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
363	6,699,443 numbers.	6505.90.2545.	unu	The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that
435	16,720 dozen.			these actions fall within the foreign affairs
438–W <sup>3</sup> 442	13,683 dozen. 20,376 dozen.			exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).
442	32,343 dozen.			Sincerely,
604	2,205,129 kilograms.			James C. Leonard III,
634/635	1,342,953 dozen.			Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
638/639	791,099 dozen.			[FR Doc. 02–26316 Filed 10–15–02; 8:45 am]
645/646	605,079 dozen.			BILLING CODE 3510-DR-S