

the benefits of the patent system should not be withheld from this area of technology, because research and development would be drastically curtailed due to the inability to protect capital investments or to reap financial rewards from those investments. Appropriate policies must be established to address these challenges.

II. Issues for Public Comment

Interested members of the public are invited to testify or to present written comments related to the above topics, including the following issues:

1. Is there a more cost-effective way to examine applications containing large numbers of sequences or excessively long sequences, in view of the PTO's limited human and computer resources?
2. How should the significantly higher cost associated with searching applications claiming large numbers of sequences or excessively long sequences be underwritten? For example:
 - (a) By fees from all applications?
 - (b) By fees from the biotechnology industry applications only?
 - (c) By fees from those specific applications involving large numbers of sequences or extraordinarily long sequences?
3. Will the patenting of a complete genome of an organism inhibit rather than promote advancement of the biotechnology arts? If so, why?
4. Will the patenting of human genome fragments inhibit rather than promote advancement of the biotechnology arts? If so, why?

III. Guidelines for Oral Testimony

Individuals wishing to testify at the hearings must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Requests to testify must include the speaker's name, affiliation, title, phone number, fax number, mailing address, and Internet mail address (if available).
 2. Speakers will be provided between seven and fifteen minutes to present their remarks. The exact amount of time allocated per speaker will be determined after the final number of parties testifying has been determined. All efforts will be made to accommodate requests for additional time for testimony presented before the day of the hearing.
 3. Requests to testify may be accepted on the date of the hearing if sufficient time is available on the schedule. No one will be permitted to testify without prior approval.
- A schedule providing approximate times for testimony will be provided to all speakers the morning of the day of the hearing.
- Speakers are advised that the schedule for testimony may be subject

to change during the course of the hearings.

IV. Guidelines for Written Comments

Written comments should include the following information:

1. Name and affiliation of the individual responding.
2. If applicable, an indication of whether comments offered represent views of the respondent's organization or are the respondent's personal views.
3. If applicable, information on the respondent's organization, including the type of organization (e.g., business, trade group, university, non-profit organization) and general areas of interest.

Information that is provided pursuant to this notice will be made part of the public record. In view of this, parties should not provide information they do not wish publicly disclosed. Parties who would like to rely on confidential information to illustrate a point being made are requested to summarize or otherwise provide the information in a way that will permit its public disclosure.

Parties offering testimony or written comments should provide their comments in machine readable format, if possible. Such submissions should be provided by electronic mail messages over the Internet, or on a 3.5" floppy disk formatted for use in either a Macintosh or MS-DOS based computer. Machine readable submissions should be provided as unformatted text (e.g., ACSII or plain text), or formatted text in one of the following file formats: Microsoft Word (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions) or WordPerfect (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions).

V. Guidelines for Comments via Internet

Comments received via the Internet should include the same information requested in the guidelines set out for written comments.

VI. Other Information

Questions regarding the facilities and lodging in the La Jolla, California, area should be directed to the University of California, San Diego, Special Events, by phone at (619) 534-6386, or by fax to (619) 534-0905. Parking permits are required for on-campus parking and may be purchased in advance through the Parking Office or on November 29 at Information booths at the university. Questions regarding parking should be directed to the Special Events Parking Office at (619) 534-9682, or by fax to (619) 534-9685.

Dated: November 8, 1995.

Bruce A. Lehman,

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce and
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Fiji

November 7, 1995.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 1995.

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 this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. 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).

The current limit for Categories 338/339/638/639 and the sublimit for 338-S/339-S/638-S/639-S are being increased for carryover.

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 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994). Also see 60 FR 16622, published on March 31, 1995.

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 bilateral agreement, but are designed to assist

only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 7, 1995.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on March 27, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Fiji and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1995 and extends through December 31, 1995.

Effective on November 15, 1995, you are directed to amend the March 27, 1995 directive to increase the limit for the following categories, as provided for under the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Fiji:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
338/339/638/639	1,122,476 dozen of which not more than 848,039 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S/638-S/639-S ² .

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1994.

² Category 338-S: only HTS numbers 6103.22.0050, 6105.10.0010, 6105.10.0030, 6105.90.8010, 6109.10.0027, 6110.20.1025, 6110.20.2040, 6110.20.2065, 6110.90.9068, 6112.11.0030 and 6114.20.0005; Category 339-S: only HTS numbers 6104.22.0060, 6104.29.2049, 6106.10.0010, 6106.10.0030, 6106.90.2510, 6106.90.3010, 6109.10.0070, 6110.20.1030, 6110.20.2045, 6110.20.2075, 6110.90.9070, 6112.11.0040, 6114.20.0010 and 6117.90.9020; Category 638-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.90.1007, 6109.90.1009, 6109.90.1013 and 6109.90.1025; Category 639-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.90.1050, 6109.90.1060, 6109.90.1065 and 6109.90.1070.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Announcing Settlement on Import Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels and Amending Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

November 7, 1995.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending a limit and restraint period and directing Customs to begin signing form ITA-370P.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, 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) 927-5850. 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).

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated October 19, 1995, the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Guatemala agreed, pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), to establish a limit for Categories 342/642 for the periods May 31, 1995 through December 31, 1995; January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996; January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997; and January 1, 1998 through May 30, 1998. The governments also agreed to establish Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for Categories 342/642 for the periods January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996; January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997; and January 1, 1998 through May 30, 1998.

Beginning on November 15, 1995, the U.S. Customs Service will start signing the first section of the form ITA-370P for shipments of U.S. formed and cut parts in Categories 342/642 that are destined for Guatemala and subject to the GAL established for Categories 342/642 for the period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996. These products are governed by Harmonized Tariff item number 9802.00.8015 and chapter 61 Statistical Note 5 and chapter 62 Statistical Note 3 of the Harmonized

Tariff Schedule. Interested parties should be aware that shipments of cut parts in Categories 342/642 must be accompanied by a form ITA-370P, signed by a U.S. Customs officer, prior to export from the United States for assembly in Guatemala in order to qualify for entry under the Special Access Program.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the current level and restraint period for Categories 342/642, and to begin signing the first section of form ITA-370P. Also, visa requirements are being amended to include the coverage of merged Categories 342/642.

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 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994). Also see 55 FR 3079, published on January 30, 1990; and 60 FR 44316, published on August 25, 1995.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are provided in Federal Register notices 51 FR 21208, published on June 11, 1986; 52 FR 26057, published on July 10, 1987; 54 FR 50425, published on December 6, 1989; and 55 FR 3079, published on January 30, 1990.

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.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 7, 1995.

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 August 22, 1995 by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on May 31, 1995 through May 30, 1996.

Effective on November 15, 1995, you are directed, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding dated October 19, 1995 between the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Guatemala, the