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Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 13, 1995.

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

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1996, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Bangladesh and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
237	384,921 dozen.
331	975,182 dozen pairs.
334	117,430 dozen.
335	210,847 dozen.
336/636	377,317 dozen.
338/339	1,093,045 dozen.
340/640	2,470,896 dozen.
341	2,046,913 dozen.
342/642	354,148 dozen.
347/348	1,842,220 dozen.
351/651	562,460 dozen.
352/652	8,391,323 dozen.
363	20,965,242 numbers.
369-S ¹	1,405,316 kilograms.
634	410,836 dozen.
635	266,173 dozen.
638/639	1,386,181 dozen.
641	857,100 dozen.
645/646	325,529 dozen.
647/648	1,158,630 dozen.
847	615,190 dozen.

¹Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment in the future pursuant to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the ATC and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Adjustment of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Brazil

December 13, 1995.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 18, 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).

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, carryforward and 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 17318, published on April 5, 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 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.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 13, 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 30, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns, among other things, imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1995 and extending through December 31, 1995.

Effective on December 18, 1995, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit ¹
Sublevels in the aggregate	
218	5,853,092 square meters.
219	19,649,429 square meters.
225	10,242,909 square meters.
300/301	7,938,138 kilograms.
338/339/638/639	1,575,054 dozen.
347/348	1,137,539 dozen.
350	163,615 dozen.
369-D ²	567,267 kilograms.
410/624	11,706,183 square meters of which not more than 3,021,972 square meters shall be in Category 410.

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

²Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of Bulgaria on Certain Wool Textile Products

December 13, 1995.

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

ACTION: Notice.

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 categories for which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

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).

On November 29, 1995, in accordance with Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended, the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of Bulgaria with respect to women's and girls' wool suits in Category 444, produced or manufactured in Bulgaria.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Bulgaria, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements may later establish a limit for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in Category 444, produced or manufactured in Bulgaria and exported during the twelve-month period which began on November 29, 1995 and extends through November 28, 1996, at a level of not less than 59,569 numbers.

A statement of serious damage concerning Category 444 follows this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of Category 444, or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in Category 444, 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. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Bulgaria.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. 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.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the implementation of an agreement 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."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning Category 444. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Bulgaria, further notice will be published in the Federal Register.

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

Statement of Serious Damage

Bulgaria

Women's and Girls' Wool Suits—Category 444

November 1995

Import Situation and Conclusion

U.S. imports of women's and girls' wool suits, Category 444, from Bulgaria reached 59,569 units for the year-ending August 1995, almost 14 times the 4,305 units imported during the same period a year earlier. Bulgaria shipped 41,624 units during 1994 and 1,161 units in 1992. There were no imports from Bulgaria in 1993. Imports from Bulgaria were 4.6 percent of total U.S. imports of Category 444 in the year-ending August 1995, and were equivalent to 1.5 percent of U.S. production of Category 444 for the year-ending June 1995.

U.S. imports of women's and girls' wool suits from Bulgaria in Category 444 during the first eight months of 1995 was \$50.27 per unit, 65 percent below the average U.S. producers' price for women's and girls' wool suits.

The sharp and substantial increase of low-valued Category 444 imports from Bulgaria is causing serious damage to

the U.S. domestic industry producing women's and girls' wool suits.

U.S. Production, Import Penetration, and Market Share

U.S. production of women's and girls' wool suits, Category 444, fell from 6,286,000 units in 1992 to 4,309,000 units in 1994, a decline of 31 percent. Domestic production of women's and girls' wool suits continued to decline in 1995, falling to 3,961,000 units in the year-ending June 1995, 22 percent below the year-ending June 1994 level. In contrast, imports of Category 444 increased from 943,000 units in 1992 to 1,093,000 units in 1994, a 16 percent increase. Category 444 imports surged to 1,307,000 units in the year-ending August 1995, 24 percent above the year-ending August 1994 level.

The ratio of imports to domestic production increased from 15 percent in 1992 to 25 percent in 1994 to 31 percent in the year-ending June 1995. The share of the U.S. market for women's and girls' wool suits held by domestic manufacturers fell from 92 percent in 1992 to 88 percent in 1994, and to 82 percent in the year-ending June 1995.

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Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

December 13, 1995.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1996.

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) 927-6703. 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 Bilateral Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Agreement,