

Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Man-Made Fiber Apparel Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Maldives

August 13, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

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 1983, the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Maldives agreed to amend their Visa Arrangement, effected by exchange of letters dated December 29, 1981 and March 22, 1982, to require the use of a standard nine-digit visa number, beginning with the year of quota.

Effective on September 1, 1996, all export visas issued by the Republic of Maldives for cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products in Categories 237, 239, 330-359, 431-459 and 630-659, produced or manufactured in Maldives and exported from Maldives on and after September 1, 1996, must contain the nine-digit visa number, beginning with the last digit of the year of export rather than the year of quota. During the period September 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, U.S. Customs will accept either the new or the old visa number format. Goods exported on and after October 1, 1996 shall be denied entry if not accompanied by an appropriate export visa, beginning with the correct year of export.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the visa requirements to require the use of the standard nine-digit visa number, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code and a six digit numeric serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 6MV123456.

See 47 FR 36879, published on August 24, 1992.

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 13, 1996.

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 August 18, 1982, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Maldives which were not properly visaed by the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

Effective on September 1, 1996, all export visas issued by the Republic of Maldives for cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel in Categories 237, 239, 330-359, 431-459 and 630-659, produced or manufactured in Maldives and exported from Maldives on and after September 1, 1996, must contain the nine-digit visa number, beginning with the last digit of the year of export rather than the year of quota. During the period September 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, you are directed to accept either the new or the old visa number format. Goods exported on and after October 1, 1996 must be accompanied by a visa which contains the standard nine-digit visa number, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code and a six digit numeric serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 6MV123456.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

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,

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

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

August 13, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 1996.

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 or call (202) 927-6718. 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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for carryover, carryforward and swing.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 57576, published on November 16, 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

August 13, 1996.

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 November 9, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Turkey and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on August 14, 1996, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for in the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹	Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Fabric Group 219, 313, 314, 315, 317, 326, 617, 625/626/627/628/ 629, as a group.	151,814,522 square meters of which not more than 38,364,655 square meters shall be in Category 219; 46,890,133 square meters shall be in Category 313; 27,281,532 square meters shall be in Category 314; 36,659,560 square meters shall be in Category 315; 38,364,655 square meters shall be in Category 317; 4,262,739 square meters shall be in Category 326; 25,576,438 square meters shall be in Category 617.	350 351/651 352/652 361 369-S ⁶ 410/624	489,641 dozen. 782,852 dozen. 2,588,520 dozen. 1,808,819 numbers. 1,869,975 kilograms. 1,269,007 square meters of which not more than 786,329 square meters shall be in Category 410. 40,961 dozen. 2,030,452 kilograms.
Sublevel in Fabric Group 625/626/627/628/629	17,270,491 square meters of which not more than 7,032,668 square meters shall be in Category 625; 6,908,196 square meters shall be in Category 626; 6,908,196 square meters shall be in Category 627; 6,908,196 square meters shall be in Category 628; and 6,908,196 square meters shall be in Category 629.	448 604	
Limit not in a group			
200	1,618,753 kilograms.		
300/301	7,881,594 kilograms.		
335	340,303 dozen.		
336/636	801,602 dozen.		
338/339/638/639	5,081,043 dozen of which not more than 3,671,334 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S/638-S/639-S ² .		
340/640	1,572,232 dozen of which not more than 447,164 dozen shall be in Categories 340-Y/640-Y ³ .		
341/641	1,552,652 dozen of which not more than 543,428 dozen shall be in Categories 341-Y/641-Y ⁴ .		
342/642	892,350 dozen.		
347/348	5,161,161 dozen of which not more than 1,795,275 dozen shall be in Categories 347-T/348-T ⁵ .		

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

²Category 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.

³Category 340-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2046, 6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060; Category 640-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and 6205.30.2060.

⁴Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054; Category 641-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

⁵Category 347-T: only HTS numbers 6103.19.2015, 6103.19.9020, 6103.22.0030, 6103.42.1020, 6103.42.1040, 6103.49.8010, 6112.11.0050, 6113.00.9038, 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.42.4005, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348-T: only HTS numbers 6104.12.0030, 6104.19.8030, 6104.22.0040, 6104.29.2034, 6104.62.2010, 6104.62.2025, 6104.69.8022, 6112.11.0060, 6113.00.9042, 6117.90.9060, 6204.12.0030, 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.62.4050, 6204.69.6010, 6304.69.9010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.20.6810, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

⁶Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

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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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Globalization of the Specialty Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota; Determination That Organic Refined Sugar is a Specialty Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of determinations.

SUMMARY: The Acting United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined that the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for imported specialty sugars (1,656 metric tons) will be available on a globalized basis for the remainder of the quota period ending September 30, 1996, and that organic refined sugar is a specialty sugar.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 19, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrae Erickson, Senior Economist, Office of Agricultural Affairs (202-395-6127), Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As specified in Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains tariff-rate quotas for imports of refined sugar (sugars, syrups and molasses provided for under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the HTS). The Secretary of Agriculture established the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for the period October 1, 1995-September 30, 1996, at 22,000 metric tons, raw value, and reserved 1,656 metric tons, raw value, of this amount for the importation of specialty sugars. (60 FR 42142.)

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the USTR in Proclamation 6763, of December 23, 1994. (60 FR 1007).

Section 2011.202 (15 CFR Part 2011), defines specialty sugar to include "other sugars, as determined by the United States Trade Representative, that would be considered specialty sugar products within the normal commerce of the United States."

Pursuant to section 2011.202, the USTR has determined that organic refined sugar is a specialty sugar within the normal commerce of the United States. Moreover, pursuant to section 404(d)(3) of the URAA, the USTR has