

policy successfully allowed commercial developers access to an operational space-based system to help develop, but not implement, their nascent services.

In light of the fact that a commercial industry is starting to emerge in precisely this area of data collection and location services, (e.g., Mobile Space Services) as well as the U.S. Government's long-standing policy against competing with the private sector, NESDIS will no longer promote the use of the Argos system for commercial non-environmental applications.

Public Meeting

As new, private space-based data collection and location systems begin to evolve, NOAA is eager to explore new opportunities that will be consistent with NOAA's mission and user requirements and national policies supporting commercial development. To do this requires an active dialogue between both users and service providers. In order to launch such a dialogue, NOAA, in cooperation with the Department of Commerce Office of Air and Space Commercialization, will sponsor a public meeting on data collection and location system use policy.

This public meeting will bring together current and planned space-based data collection and location service providers and users to present, discuss, and document pertinent information necessary to reevaluate and redefine overall government policy and practice. One possible outcome of this meeting may be the development of consolidated regulations concerning use of GOES DCS and Argos data collection systems.

The meeting will be held at the NOAA Complex in Silver Spring, Maryland on December 12 and 13, 1996. The first day of the meeting will focus on technical, informational presentations and exhibits by industry participants. The second day of the meeting will focus on the policy discussions.

Parties interested in participating in the public meeting, particularly those that would like to give oral and/or written presentations or who would like to display materials in the exhibit room should contact Mr. Dane Clark (See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) by close of business, November 1, 1996. Due to time constraints, oral presentations may be limited. The exhibit area will be accessible on December 11, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for those participants who will be setting up exhibits.

Dated October 1, 1996.
Robert S. Winokur,
Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

October 3, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 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) 927-5850. 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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing and special shift.

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 61 FR 1359, published on January 19, 1996.

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

October 3, 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 January 11, 1996, 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 the Dominican Republic and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on October 9, 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 limit ¹
342/642	460,297 dozen.
351/651	955,904 dozen.
442	62,051 dozen.
448	42,882 dozen.
633	128,053 dozen.

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

The 1996 Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for the foregoing categories remain unchanged.

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 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 the Philippines

October 3, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 1996.