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Dated: November 6, 1996.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Restraint Limit for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

November 7, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 7, 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 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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Category 448 is being increased for special carryforward, based on exchange of letters dated October 24, 1996 and November 4, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and Guatemala.

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 62398, published on December 6, 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

November 7, 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 29, 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 Guatemala and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996.

Effective on November 7, 1996, you are directed to increase the limit for Category 448 to 49,642 dozen¹, as provided for by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and based on exchange of letters dated October 24, 1996 and November 4, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and Guatemala.

The guaranteed access level for Category 448 remains unchanged.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls 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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Announcing Establishment and Adjustment of Import Limits and Amendment of Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

November 7, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs announcing the establishment and adjustment of limits and amendment of visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 13, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade

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

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).

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated November 6, 1996, the Governments of the United States and Nepal agreed to establish a limit for cotton shoptowels in Category 369-S for four consecutive one-year periods beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 2000. Also, the two governments agreed to increase the 1996 limit for Category 340 for special carryforward.

Effective on January 1, 1997, textile products in Category 369 which are produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported from Nepal on and after January 1, 1997 shall require a 369-S or 369-O visa. There will be a grace period from January 1, 1997 through January 31, 1997 during which goods exported from Nepal in Category 369 may be accompanied by a 369, 369-S or 369-O visa. Textile products exported in Category 369 on and after February 1, 1997 must be accompanied by an appropriate part-category visa.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the visa requirements to require a 369-S or 369-O part category visa and to increase the current limit for Category 340. As a result of the increase to Category 340, the limit, which is currently filled, will re-open.

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 52 FR 11724, published on April 3, 1987; and 60 FR 62410, published on December 6, 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 and the November 6, 1996 MOU, but are designed to assist only in