

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mauritius

November 8, 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 15, 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 Categories 338/339 is being increased for carryforward.

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 November 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 62402, 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 8, 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, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and

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

Effective on November 15, 1996, you are directed to increase the limit for Categories 338/339 to 474,755 dozen¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

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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New Visa Stamp for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mauritius

November 12, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new export visa stamp.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, 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).

Beginning on December 1, 1996, the Government of Mauritius will start issuing a new export visa stamp for shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and exported from Mauritius on or after December 1, 1996. There will be a one-month grace period, from December 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, during which goods exported from Mauritius may be accompanied by either the old or new export visa stamp. Goods exported from Mauritius on or after January 1, 1997 must be accompanied by the new export visa stamp.

A facsimile of the new visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., room 3104, Washington, DC.

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

See 60 FR 62076, published on December 4, 1995.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 12, 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 28, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive establishes export visa requirements for certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius.

Effective on December 1, 1996, you are directed to amend the November 28, 1995 directive to provide for the use of a new export visa stamp issued by the Government of Mauritius to accompany shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and exported from Mauritius on or after December 1, 1996.

Goods exported from Mauritius during the period December 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 may be accompanied by either the old or new export visa stamp. Goods exported from Mauritius on or after January 1, 1997 must be accompanied by the new export visa stamp.

A facsimile of the visa stamp is enclosed with this letter.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa stamp 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 an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

November 8, 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 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade