

Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Rescission, Amendment and Redesignation 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

March 21, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner of Customs cancelling,  
increasing and amending the coverage  
of limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 28, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Janet Heinzen, 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) 927-6713. 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.

In a Memorandum of Understanding  
(MOU) dated March 5, 1997, the  
Governments of the United States and  
the Republic of the Philippines agreed  
to rescind the limit for Category 239 for  
the period January 1, 1997 through  
December 31, 1997. Also, the two  
governments agreed to amend the  
coverage of Group II to include  
Categories 361, 369-S and 611 and to  
increase the 1997 Group II limit.

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 61 FR 66263,  
published on December 17, 1996). Also  
see 61 FR 64507, published on  
December 5, 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, the Uruguay Round  
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and  
the MOU, 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

March 21, 1997.

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, 1996, by the  
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements. That directive  
concerns imports of 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 and exported during the twelve-  
month period beginning on January 1, 1997  
and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on March 28, 1997, you are  
directed, to rescind the 1997 limit and import  
charges for textile products in Category 239,  
pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements  
Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on  
Textiles and Clothing and the Memorandum  
of Understanding dated March 5, 1997  
between the Governments of the United  
States and the Republic of the Philippines.

Also, you are directed to amend the Group  
II designation to include the coverage of  
Categories 361, 369-S<sup>1</sup> and 611. Categories  
361, 369-S and 611 shall be sublevels in  
Group II. Import charges already made to  
these categories shall be moved to Group II.  
The 1997 limit for Group II shall be increased  
to 164,785,038 square meters equivalent<sup>2</sup>.

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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<sup>1</sup> Category 369-S: only HTS number  
6307.10.2005.

<sup>2</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for  
any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Chicago Board of Trade Futures Contracts in Corn and Soybeans; Notice That Delivery Point: Specifications Must Be Amended

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of, and request for public  
comment on, response of the Chicago  
Board of Trade to Notification to amend  
delivery specifications.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures  
Trading Commission (Commission), by  
letter dated December 19, 1996, notified  
the Board of Trade of the City of  
Chicago (CBT), under section 5a(a)(10)  
of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act),  
7 U.S.C. 7a(a)(10), that the delivery  
terms of the CBT corn and soybean  
futures contracts no longer accomplish  
the objectives of that section of the Act.  
Under section 5a(a)(10), the CBT was  
required to respond by March 4, 1997,  
seventy-five (75) days from the date of  
the notice.

By letter dated March 4, 1997, from  
Patrick H. Arbor to Chairperson  
Brooksley Born, the CBT responded by  
providing to the Commission a status  
report of its actions. In that response,  
the CBT reported that a "working  
alternative" had been approved by the  
exchange board and would be  
forwarded to the membership for a vote.

On March 14, 1997, the Commission  
provided notice of the CBT's working  
alternative in order to provide the  
public with an opportunity to comment  
to the Commission on it (62 FR 12156).  
The Commission has determined to  
extend the comment period for an  
additional fifteen (15) days.

**DATES:** Comment must be received by  
April 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be  
mailed to the Commodity Futures  
Trading Commission, Three Lafayette  
Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20581, attention, Office  
of the Secretariat; transmitted by  
facsimile at (202) 418-5521, or  
transmitted electronically at  
secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be  
made to "Corn and Soybean Delivery  
Points."

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