

**Authorization**

For the above reasons, NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization for a period of time not to exceed 1 year for launches of Delta II, Titan II, Titan IV, and Taurus launch vehicles at Vandenberg provided the monitoring and reporting requirements currently in effect are continued.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Hilda Diaz-Soltero,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS**

**1998 National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program**

Notice is hereby given that Pub. L. 105-83, as amended, authorizing the National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program, has been funded for 1998 in the amount of \$7,000,000.00. All requests for information and applications for grants should be addressed to: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, Pension Building, Suite 312, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; Phone: 202-504-2200.

Deadlines for receipt of submission of grants applications is 2 March 1998.

This program provides grants for general operating support of organizations whose primary purpose is performing, exhibiting, and/or presenting the arts. To be eligible for these grants, organizations must be located in the District of Columbia, must be not-for-profit, non-academic institutions of demonstrated national repute, and must have annual income, exclusive of federal funds, in excess of one million dollars for the current year and for the past three years.

**Charles H. Atherton,**

*Secretary.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bahrain**

December 19, 1997.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

**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 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:** Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Pursuant to the provisions of the ATC, the second stage of the integration commences on January 1, 1998 (see 60 FR 21075, published on May 1, 1995). Accordingly, certain previously restrained categories may have been modified or eliminated and certain limits may have been revised. Integrated products will no longer be subject to quota. CITA has informed Bahrain of its intent to continue the bilateral visa arrangement for those products.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limits for the 1998 period.

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 62 FR 51832, published on October

3, 1997. Information regarding the 1998 **CORRELATION** will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

December 19, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs, *Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1998, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Group I 237, 239pt. <sup>1</sup> , 331-336, 338, 339, 340-342, 345, 347, 348, 350-352, 359pt. <sup>2</sup> , 431, 433-436, 438, 440, 442-448, 459pt. <sup>3</sup> , 631, 633-636, 638, 639, 640-647, 648, 649, 650-652, 659pt. <sup>4</sup> , 831, 833-836, 838, 840, 842-847, 850-852, 858 and 859pt. <sup>5</sup> , as a group.	43,267,869 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I 338/339 .....	601,216 dozen.
340/640 .....	288,453 dozen of which not more than 216,339 dozen shall be in Categories 340-Y/640-Y <sup>6</sup> .

<sup>1</sup> Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

<sup>2</sup> Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1550.

<sup>3</sup> Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

<sup>4</sup> Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.

<sup>5</sup> Category 859pt.: only HTS numbers 6115.19.8040, 6117.10.6020, 6212.10.5030, 6212.10.9040, 6212.20.0030, 6212.30.0030, 6212.90.0090, 6214.10.2000 and 6214.90.0090.