

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 Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Sri Lanka

December 22, 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: Helen L. LeGrande, 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 Sri Lanka 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).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1998 limits. The limits for certain categories have been reduced for carryforward and special carryforward applied to the 1997 limits.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997).

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 22, 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 textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Sri Lanka 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
237	320,758 dozen.
314	4,788,464 square meters.
331/631	2,885,524 dozen pairs.
333/633	60,379 dozen.
334/634	635,953 dozen.
335/835	297,004 dozen.
336/636/836	418,883 dozen.
338/339	1,271,907 dozen.
340/640	1,216,593 dozen.
341/641	2,002,582 dozen of which not more than 1,335,055 dozen shall be in Category 341 and not more than 1,335,055 dozen shall be in Category 641.
342/642/842	695,239 dozen.
345/845	190,571 dozen.
347/348/847	1,067,528 dozen.
350/650	132,076 dozen.
351/651	328,802 dozen.
352/652	1,356,701 dozen.
359-C/659-C ¹	1,373,102 kilograms.
360	1,596,155 numbers.
363	12,924,324 numbers.
369-D ²	1,027,014 kilograms.
369-S ³	808,601 kilograms.
434	7,351 dozen.
435	15,753 dozen.
440	10,502 dozen.
611	6,251,607 square meters.
635	396,006 dozen.
638/639/838	1,008,379 dozen.
644	566,044 numbers.
645/646	226,417 dozen.
647/648	1,213,969 dozen.
840	314,843 dozen.

¹Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

²Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

³Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 20, 1996) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

December 22, 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.

In exchange of letters dated December 10, 1997, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) agreed to extend the current textile agreement for three consecutive one-year periods, beginning on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 2000.

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

These limits may be revised if Taiwan becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the WTO agreement is applied to Taiwan.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997).

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 22, 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 textile agreement, effected by exchange of letters dated January 10, 1997 and May 2, 1997, as extended, between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), 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 textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Taiwan and exported during the twelve-month period which begins on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998, in excess of the following restraint limits:

Category	Twelve-month limit	Category	Twelve-month limit
Group I		Group II	
200-224, 225/317/326, 226, 227, 229, 300/301/607, 313-315, 360-363, 369-L/670-L/870 ¹ , 369-S ² , 369-O ³ , 400-414, 464-469, 600-606, 611, 613/614/615/617, 618, 619/620, 621-624, 625/626/627/628/629, 665, 666, 669-P ⁴ , 669-T ⁵ , 669-O ⁶ , 670-H ⁷ and 670-O ⁸ , as a group.	573,050,168 square meters equivalent.	237, 239, 330-332, 333/334/335, 336, 338/339, 340-345, 347/348, 349, 350/650, 351, 352/652, 353, 354, 359-C/ ⁹ 659-C ⁹ , 359-H/ ¹⁰ 659-H ¹⁰ , 359-O ¹¹ , 431-444, 445/446, 447/448, 459, 630-632, 633/634/635, 636, 638/639, 640, 641-644, 645/646, 647/648, 649, 651, 653, 654, 659-S ¹² , 659-O ¹³ , 831-844 and 846-859, as a group.	755,000,000 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I		Sublevels in Group II	
218	21,132,407 square meters.	237	667,132 dozen.
225/317/326	37,509,965 square meters.	239	5,632,462 kilograms.
226	6,806,861 square meters.	331	507,215 dozen pairs.
300/301/607	1,689,740 kilograms of which not more than 1,408,116 kilograms shall be in Category 300; not more than 1,408,116 kilograms shall be in Category 301; and not more than 1,408,116 kilograms shall be in Category 607.	336	113,660 dozen.
363	12,085,702 numbers.	338/339	783,223 dozen.
369-L/670-L/870	48,038,034 kilograms.	340	1,118,911 dozen.
611	3,046,008 square meters.	345	118,762 dozen.
613/614/615/617 ..	18,891,037 square meters.	347/348	1,064,931 dozen of which not more than 1,064,931 dozen shall be in Categories 347-W/348-W ¹⁴ .
619/620	13,885,205 square meters.	352/652	3,015,525 dozen.
625/626/627/628/629.	18,067,931 square meters.	359-C/659-C	1,447,633 kilograms.
669-P	328,468 kilograms.	359-H/659-H	4,795,423 kilograms.
669-T	1,067,593 kilograms.	433	15,089 dozen.
670-H	18,395,052 kilograms.	434	10,478 dozen.
Group I subgroup		435	24,879 dozen.
200, 219, 313, 314, 315, 361, 369-S and 604, as a group.	141,614,645 square meters equivalent.	436	4,953 dozen.
Within Group I subgroup		438	27,960 dozen.
200	682,828 kilograms.	440	5,416 dozen.
219	15,540,492 square meters.	442	43,695 dozen.
313	65,991,614 square meters.	443	42,246 numbers.
314	27,681,737 square meters.	444	60,167 numbers.
315	21,211,264 square meters.	445/446	135,421 dozen.
361	1,371,652 numbers.	631	4,867,811 dozen pairs.
369-S	482,759 kilograms.	633/634/635	1,634,440 dozen of which not more than 959,317 dozen shall be in Categories 633/634 and not more than 850,077 dozen shall be in Category 635.
604	225,488 kilograms.	638/639	6,565,058 dozen.
		640	1,058,909 dozen of which not more than 281,710 dozen shall be in Category 640-Y ¹⁵ .
		642	777,133 dozen.
		643	502,751 numbers.
		644	723,737 numbers.
		645/646	4,107,691 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month limit
647/648	5,248,544 dozen of which not more than 5,248,544 dozen shall be in Categories 647-W/648-W ¹⁶ .
659-S	1,601,702 kilograms.
835	19,020 dozen.
Group II Subgroup	
333/334/335, 341, 342, 350/650, 351, 447/448, 636, 641 and 651, as a group.	76,035,766 square meters equivalent.
Within Group II Subgroup	
333/334/335	292,416 dozen of which not more than 158,392 dozen shall be in Category 335.
341	338,229 dozen.
342	211,293 dozen.
350/650	135,358 dozen.
351	351,522 dozen.
447/448	20,618 dozen.
636	379,718 dozen.
641	730,350 dozen of which not more than 255,622 dozen shall be in Category 641-Y ¹⁷ .
651	440,833 dozen.
Group III	
Sublevel in Group III	
845	851,213 dozen.

¹Category 870; Category 369-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090; Category 670-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.

²Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

³Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015, 4202.92.6090 (Category 369-L); and 6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S).

⁴Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁵Category 669-T: only HTS numbers 6306.12.0000, 6306.19.0010 and 6306.22.9030.

⁶Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P); 6306.12.0000, 6306.19.0010 and 6306.22.9030 (Category 669-T).

⁷Category 670-H: only HTS numbers 4202.22.4030 and 4202.22.8050.

⁸Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.22.4030 4202.22.8050 (Category 670-H); 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category 670-L).

⁹Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

¹⁰Category 359-H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060; Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

¹¹Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C); and 6505.90.1540 (Category 359-H).

¹²Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹³Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010 (Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H); 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020 (Category 659-S).

¹⁴Category 347-W: only HTS numbers 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.22.3030, 6203.42.4005, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.42.4060, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348-W: only HTS numbers 6204.12.0030, 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.22.3050, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.62.4050, 6204.62.4065, 6204.69.6010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.20.6810, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

¹⁵Category 640-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and 6205.30.2060.

¹⁶Category 647-W: only HTS numbers 6203.23.0060, 6203.23.0070, 6203.29.2030, 6203.29.2035, 6203.43.2500, 6203.43.3500, 6203.43.4010, 6203.43.4020, 6203.43.4030, 6203.43.4040, 6203.49.1500, 6203.49.2015, 6203.49.2030, 6203.49.2045, 6203.49.8030, 6210.40.5030, 6211.20.1525, 6211.20.3820 and 6211.33.0030; Category 648-W: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0045, 6204.29.2020, 6204.29.2025, 6204.29.4038, 6204.63.2000, 6204.63.3000, 6204.63.3510, 6204.63.3530, 6204.69.2510, 6204.69.2530, 6204.69.2540, 6204.69.2560, 6204.69.6030, 6204.69.9030, 6210.50.5035, 6211.20.1555, 6211.20.6820, 6211.43.0040 and 6217.90.9060.

¹⁷Category 641-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement concerning imports of textile and apparel products from Taiwan.

Products in the above categories exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 4, 1996) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

These limits may be revised if Taiwan becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the WTO agreement is applied to Taiwan.

The conversion factors are as follows:

Category	Conversion factors (square meters equivalent/category unit)
300/301/607	8.5
333/334/335	33.75
352/652	11.3
359-C/659-C	10.1
359-H/659-H	11.5
369-L/670-L/870	3.8
633/634/635	34.1
638/639	12.5

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

December 22, 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: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist,