

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 the People's Republic of China

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.

A Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China establishes limits for textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998.

In the letter published below from the Chairman of CITA, the Commissioner of Customs is directed to establish the limits for 1998.

These limits may be revised if China becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to China.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, 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 China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998, in excess of the following restraint limits:

Category	Twelve-month limit
Group I	
200, 218, 219, 226, 237, 239, 300/301, 313-315, 317/326, 331, 333-336, 338/339, 340-342, 345, 347/348, 350-352, 359-C ¹ , 359-V ² , 360-363, 369-D ³ , 369-H ⁴ , 369-L ⁵ , 410, 433-436, 438, 440, 442-444, 445/446, 447, 448, 607, 611, 613-615, 617, 631, 633-636, 638/639, 640-643, 644/844, 645/646, 647-652, 659-C ⁶ , 659-H ⁷ , 659-S ⁸ , 666, 669-P ⁹ , 670-L ¹⁰ , 831, 833, 835, 836, 840, 842 and 845-847, as a group.	1,460,393,564 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
200	716,534 kilograms.
218	11,207,142 square meters.
219	2,369,354 square meters.
226	10,758,591 square meters.
237	1,962,225 dozen.
239	3,018,098 kilograms.
300/301	2,253,889 kilograms.
313	41,432,691 square meters.
314	48,452,618 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month limit
315	131,782,646 square meters.
317/326	20,945,770 square meters of which not more than 4,007,338 square meters shall be in Category 326.
331	5,159,139 dozen pairs.
333	96,243 dozen.
334	320,985 dozen.
335	386,367 dozen.
336	169,678 dozen.
338/339	2,322,334 dozen of which not more than 1,762,906 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ¹¹ .
340	787,419 dozen of which not more than 393,710 dozen shall be in Category 340-Z ¹² .
341	682,293 dozen of which not more than 409,376 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ¹³ .
342	266,599 dozen.
345	128,774 dozen.
347/348	2,341,850 dozen.
350	163,758 dozen.
351	547,437 dozen.
352	1,637,299 dozen.
359-C	593,756 kilograms.
359-V	873,526 kilograms.
360	7,613,286 numbers of which not more than 5,192,996 numbers shall be in Category 360-P ¹⁴ .
361	4,216,122 numbers.
362	7,106,078 numbers.
363	21,299,235 numbers.
369-D	4,661,929 kilograms.
369-H	4,900,256 kilograms.
369-L	3,257,851 kilograms.
410	989,156 square meters of which not more than 792,916 square meters shall be in Category 410-A ¹⁵ and not more than 792,916 square meters shall be in Category 410-B ¹⁶ .
433	20,747 dozen.
434	13,266 dozen.
435	24,365 dozen.
436	15,011 dozen.
438	26,268 dozen.
440	37,528 dozen of which not more than 21,444 dozen shall be in Category 440-M ¹⁷ .
442	39,725 dozen.
443	128,340 numbers.
444	204,867 numbers.
445/446	287,758 dozen.
447	70,265 dozen.
448	22,167 dozen.
607	3,192,346 kilograms.

Category	Twelve-month limit	Category	Twelve-month limit	¹⁵ Category	410-A: only	HTS numbers
611	5,292,928 square meters.	225	6,150,000 square meters.	5111.11.3000,	5111.11.7030,	5111.11.7060,
613	7,489,487 square meters.	Group IV		5111.19.2000,	5111.19.6020,	5111.19.6040,
614	11,769,194 square meters.	832, 834, 838, 839,	11,476,216 square meters equivalent.	5111.19.6060,	5111.19.6080,	5111.20.9000,
615	24,501,322 square meters.	843, 850-852, 858 and 859, as a group.		5111.30.9000,	5111.90.3000,	5111.90.9000,
617	17,118,826 square meters.	Levels not in a Group		5212.11.1010,	5212.12.1010,	5212.13.1010,
631	1,281,708 dozen pairs.	369-S ²⁸	612,601 kilograms.	5212.14.1010,	5212.15.1010,	5212.21.1010,
633	56,770 dozen.	863-S ²⁹	8,618,529 numbers.	5212.22.1010,	5212.23.1010,	5212.24.1010,
634	617,623 dozen.	870	33,099,703 kilograms.	5212.25.1010,	5311.00.2000,	5407.91.0510,
635	651,485 dozen.	¹ Category 359-C: only		5407.92.0510,	5407.93.0510,	5407.94.0510,
636	547,047 dozen.	6103.42.2025,	6103.49.8034,	5408.31.0510,	5408.32.0510,	5408.33.0510,
638/639	2,412,714 dozen.	6104.69.8010,	6114.20.0048,	5408.34.0510,	5515.13.0510,	5515.22.0510,
640	1,379,670 dozen.	6203.42.2010,	6203.42.2090,	5515.92.0510,	5516.31.0510,	5516.32.0510,
641	1,306,952 dozen.	6211.32.0010,	6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010.	5516.33.0510,	5516.34.0510 and 6301.20.0020.	
642	331,199 dozen.	² Category 359-V: only		¹⁶ Category 410-B: only	¹⁷ Category 440-M: HTS numbers	¹⁸ Category 651-B: only
643	509,844 numbers.	6103.19.2030,	6103.19.9030,	5007.10.6030,	5007.90.6030,	5112.11.2030,
644/844	3,650,454 numbers.	6104.19.8040,	6110.20.1022,	5112.11.2060,	5112.19.9010,	5112.19.9020,
645/646	823,432 dozen.	6110.20.2030,	6110.20.2035,	5112.19.9030,	5112.19.9040,	5112.19.9050,
647	1,555,261 dozen.	6110.90.9046,	6201.92.2010,	5112.19.9060,	5112.20.3000,	5112.30.3000,
648	1,111,223 dozen.	6203.19.1030,	6203.19.9030,	5112.90.3000,	5112.90.9010,	5112.90.9090,
649	929,792 dozen.	6204.19.8040,	6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070.	5212.11.1020,	5212.12.1020,	5212.13.1020,
650	114,640 dozen.	³ Category 369-D: only		5212.14.1020,	5212.15.1020,	5212.21.1020,
651	766,180 dozen of which not more than 134,891 dozen shall be in Category 651-B ¹⁸ .	6302.60.0010,	6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.	5212.22.1020,	5212.23.1020,	5212.24.1020,
652	2,719,455 dozen.	⁴ Category 369-H: only		5212.25.1020,	5309.21.2000,	5309.29.2000,
659-C	405,623 kilograms.	4202.22.4020,	4202.22.4500 and 4202.22.8030.	5407.91.0520,	5407.92.0520,	5407.93.0520,
659-H	2,805,568 kilograms.	⁵ Category 369-L: only		5407.94.0520,	5408.31.0520,	5408.32.0520,
659-S	609,667 kilograms.	4202.12.4000,	4202.12.8020,	5408.33.0520,	5408.34.0520,	5515.13.0520,
666	3,512,974 kilograms of which not more than 1,225,625 kilograms shall be in Category 666-C ¹⁹ .	4202.92.1500,	4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090.	5515.22.0520,	5515.92.0520,	5516.31.0520,
669-P	1,989,971 kilograms.	⁶ Category 659-C: only		5516.32.0520,	5516.33.0520 and 5516.34.0520.	
670-L	15,838,034 kilograms.	6103.23.0055,	6103.43.2020,	¹⁹ Category 666-C: only	²⁰ Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except	
831	545,507 dozen pair.	6103.49.2000,	6103.49.8038,	6303.92.2000.	6103.42.2025,	6103.49.8034,
833	28,212 dozen.	6104.63.1030,	6104.69.1000,	6303.92.2010,	6103.49.8038,	6104.62.1020,
835	122,056 dozen.	6114.30.3044,	6114.30.3054,	6211.32.0010,	6104.63.1020,	6114.20.0052,
836	277,394 dozen.	6203.43.2090,	6203.49.1010,	6211.32.0025,	6203.42.2090,	6204.62.2010,
840	474,802 dozen.	6204.63.1510,	6204.69.1010,	6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C);	6103.19.2030,	6103.19.9030,
842	266,117 dozen.	⁷ Category 659-H: only		6104.12.0040,	6104.19.8040,	6110.20.1022,
845	2,454,580 dozen.	6502.00.9030,	6504.00.9015,	6110.20.1024,	6110.20.2030,	6110.20.2035,
846	177,334 dozen.	6505.90.5090,	6505.90.6090,	6110.90.9044,	6110.90.9046,	6201.92.2010,
847	1,247,188 dozen.	6505.90.8090.	6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.	6202.92.2020,	6203.19.1030,	6203.19.9030,
Group II		⁸ Category 659-S: only		6204.12.0040,	6204.19.8040,	6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070 (Category 359-V).
330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O ²⁰ , 431, 432, 439, 459, 630, 632, 653, 654 and 659-O ²¹ , as a group.	123,566,814 square meters equivalent.	6112.31.0010,	6112.31.0020,	6211.42.0070 (Category 359-V).	²¹ Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except	
Group III		6112.41.0020,	6112.41.0030,	²² Category 224-V: only	²³ Category 224-O: all HTS numbers except	
201, 220, 222, 223, 224-V ²² , 224-O ²³ , 225, 227, 229, 369-O ²⁴ , 400, 414, 464, 465, 469, 600, 603, 604-O ²⁵ , 606, 618-622, 624-629, 665, 669-O ²⁶ and 670-O ²⁷ , as a group.	256,320,423 square meters equivalent.	6211.11.1010,	6211.11.1020,	5801.21.0000,	5801.23.0000,	5801.24.0000,
Sublevel in Group III		6211.12.1020.		5801.25.0010,	5801.25.0020,	5801.26.0010,
224-V	3,564,824 square meters.	⁹ Category 669-P: only		5801.26.0020,	5801.31.0000,	5801.33.0000,
		6305.32.0010,	6305.32.0020,	5801.34.0000,	5801.35.0010,	5801.35.0020,
		6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.		5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020.		
		¹⁰ Category 670-L: only		²⁴ Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except		
		4202.12.8030,	4202.12.8070,	6302.60.0010,	6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045 (Category 369-D);	
		4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.		4202.22.4020,	4202.22.4500,	
		¹¹ Category 338-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0012, 6109.10.0014, 6109.10.0018 and 6109.10.0023; Category 339-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0040, 6109.10.0045, 6109.10.0060 and 6109.10.0065.		4202.12.8030 (Category 369-H);	4202.12.4000,	
		¹² Category 340-Z: only		4202.12.8020,	4202.12.8060,	
		6205.20.2015,	6205.20.2020,	4202.92.3015,	4202.92.6090 (Category 369-L);	
		6205.20.2060.	6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060.	6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S)		
		¹³ Category 341-Y: only				
		6204.22.3060,	6206.30.3010,			
		6211.42.0054.	6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.			
		¹⁴ Category 360-P: only				
		6302.21.3010,	6302.21.5010,			
		6302.21.9010,	6302.31.3010,			
		6302.31.7010 and 6302.31.9010.	6302.31.5010,			

²⁵ Category 604-O: all HTS numbers except 5509.32.0000 (Category 604-A).

²⁶ Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P).

²⁷ Category 670-O: only HTS numbers 4202.22.4030, 4202.22.8050 and 4202.32.9550.

²⁸ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

²⁹ Category 863-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2015.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Products in the above categories exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated February 10, 1997) 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 China becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to China.

The conversion factor for merged Categories 638/639 is 12.96 (square meters equivalent/category unit).

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 Arab Republic of Egypt

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 Egypt 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 Categories 338/339 and 448 are being reduced for 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.

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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 and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Egypt 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
Fabric Group 218-220, 224-227, 313-317 and 326, as a group.	108,070,651 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Sublevels within Fabric Group	
218	2,508,000 square meters.
219	25,426,612 square meters.
220	25,426,612 square meters.
224	25,426,612 square meters.
225	25,426,612 square meters.
226	25,426,612 square meters.
227	25,426,612 square meters.
313	46,690,546 square meters.
314	25,426,612 square meters.
315	29,858,700 square meters.
317	25,426,612 square meters.
326	2,508,000 square meters.
Levels not in a group	
300/301	10,018,058 kilograms of which not more than 3,142,015 kilograms shall be in Category 301.
338/339	2,700,785 dozen.
340/640	1,183,745 dozen.
369-S ¹	1,498,989 kilograms.
448	18,018 dozen.

¹ Category 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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