

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

November 5, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs establishing
limits and guaranteed access levels.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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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,
call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S.
Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustras.gov>. 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 and
guaranteed access levels for textile
products, produced or manufactured in
the Dominican Republic and exported
during the period January 1, 1999
through December 31, 1999 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 1999 limits and guaranteed access
levels. The limits for Categories 339/639
and 347/348/647/648 have been
reduced for carryforward applied in
1998.

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).
Information regarding the 1999
CORRELATION will be published in the
Federal Register at a later date.

Requirements for participation in the
Special Access Program are available in

Federal Register notice 63 FR 16474,
published on April 3, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 5, 1998.

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, 1999, 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 the Dominican
Republic and exported during the twelve-
month period beginning on January 1, 1999
and extending through December 31, 1999, in
excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Restraint limit
338/638	951,261 dozen.
339/639	1,080,321 dozen.
340/640	979,271 dozen.
342/642	689,136 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648.	2,194,361 dozen of which not more than 1,238,434 dozen shall be in Cat- egories 647/648.
351/651	1,173,979 dozen.
433	22,085 dozen.
442	74,983 dozen.
443	137,182 numbers.
444	74,983 numbers.
448	38,628 dozen.
633	143,688 dozen.

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 1998 shall be charged to the
applicable category limits for that year (see
directive dated December 19, 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.

Also pursuant to the ATC, and under the
terms of the Special Access Program, as set
forth in 63 FR 16474 (April 3, 1998), effective
on January 1, 1999, you are directed to
establish guaranteed access levels for
properly certified textile products in the
following categories which are assembled in
the Dominican Republic from fabric formed
and cut in the United States and re-exported
to the United States from the Dominican
Republic during the period January 1, 1999
through December 31, 1999:

Category	Guaranteed access level
338/638	1,150,000 dozen.

Category	Guaranteed access level
339/639	1,150,000 dozen.
340/640	1,000,000 dozen.
342/642	1,000,000 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648.	8,050,000 dozen.
351/651	1,000,000 dozen.
433	21,000 dozen.
442	65,000 dozen.
443	50,000 numbers.
444	30,000 numbers.
448	40,000 dozen.
633	60,000 dozen.

Any shipment for entry under the Special
Access Program which is not accompanied
by a valid and correct certification in
accordance with the provisions of the
certification requirements established in the
directive of February 25, 1987, as amended,
shall be denied entry unless the Government
of the Dominican Republic authorizes the
entry and any charges to the appropriate
specific limits. Any shipment which is
declared for entry under the Special Access
Program but found not to qualify shall be
denied entry into the United States.

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
U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on the Extension of Temporary Amendment to the Requirements for Participating in the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Countries

November 5, 1998.

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

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori
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Specialist, Office of Textiles and
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482-3400.

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
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