

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

March 5, 1999.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, 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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715. For information on categories on which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

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 notice published in the Federal Register on December 31, 1998 (63 FR 72288) announced that the Government of the United States had requested consultations with the Government of Pakistan on December 24, 1998 with respect to combed cotton yarn in Category 301, produced or manufactured in Pakistan and that, if no solution was agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Pakistan, the Government of the United States reserved its right to establish a twelve-month limit of not less than 5,262,665 kilograms for the entry for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of combed cotton yarn in Category 301, produced or manufactured in Pakistan.

As no solution was agreed upon in consultations, the Government of the United States has decided to limit imports in this category for the twelve-month period beginning on March 17, 1999 and extending through March 16, 2000 at a level of 5,262,665 kilograms.

The United States remains committed to finding a mutual solution concerning Category 301. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the

Government of Pakistan, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1999).

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 5, 1999.

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); and Executive Order 11651 of March 30, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on March 17, 1999, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of combed cotton yarn Category 301, produced or manufactured in Pakistan and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on March 17, 1999 and extending through March 16, 2000 in excess of 5,262,665 kilograms¹.

Textile products in Category 301 which have been exported to the United States prior to March 17, 1999 shall not be subject to the limit established in this directive.

Textile products in Category 301 which have been released from the custody of the U.S. Customs Service under the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1448(b) or 1484(a)(1) prior to the effective date of this directive shall not be denied entry under 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 this action falls 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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¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for imports exported after March 16, 1999.

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Exemption of Certain Textile and Apparel Products From Visa and Quota Requirements

March 3, 1999.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs exempting certain textile and apparel products imported in connection with the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer and the International Special Olympics from certain quota and visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade 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 amended.

Effective on March 12, 1999, textile and apparel products not intended for sale or distribution to the public and imported as personal effects of participants in, and certain other individuals associated with the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer and the 1999 International Special Olympics, which are produced or manufactured in various countries and entered into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption shall be exempt from visa and quota requirements.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 3, 1999.

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

Dear Commissioner: Effective on March 12, 1999, textile and apparel products not intended for sale or distribution to the public, which are the personal effects of aliens who are participants in, officials of, or accredited members of delegations to, the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer tournament and the 1999 International Special Olympics, and of persons who are immediate family members of, or servants to any of the foregoing persons; equipment and materials imported in connection with the foregoing events by or on behalf of the foregoing persons or the organizing committees of such events; articles to be used