

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 1, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Egypt and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on March 26, 1999, you are directed to decrease the limit for Categories 338/339 to 2,600,870 dozen¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and the Memorandum of Understanding dated October 22, 1998 between the Governments of the United States and the Arab Republic of Egypt (see directive dated November 10, 1998).

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

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

[FR Doc. 99-7481 Filed 3-25-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-DR-F

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Increase of a Designated Consultation Level for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mexico

March 22, 1999.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a Designated Consultation Level.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this level, 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.

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.

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

The 1999 Designated Consultation Level (DCL) for Categories 338/339/638/639 is being increased to recredit part of the 1998 DCL increase which was not used.

The level does not apply to NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) originating goods, as defined in Annex 300-B, Chapter 4 and Annex 401 of the agreement. In addition, this consultation level does not apply to textile and apparel goods that are assembled in Mexico from fabrics wholly formed and cut in the United States and exported from and re-imported into the United States under U.S. tariff item 9802.00.90.

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, 1998). Also see 63 FR 53880, published on October 7, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 22, 1999.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on September 30, 1998 by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Mexico and exported during the period which begins on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999. The levels established in that directive do not apply to NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) originating goods, as defined in Annex 300-B, Chapter 4 and Annex 401 of NAFTA or to goods assembled in Mexico from fabrics wholly formed and cut in the United States and exported from and re-imported into the United States under U.S. tariff item 9802.00.90.

Effective on March 26, 1999, you are directed to increase the 1999 Designated Consultation Level for Categories 338/339/638/639 to 601,629 dozen¹ pursuant to exchange of letters dated December 5, 1997 and provisions of the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement).

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).

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

[FR Doc. 99-7484 Filed 3-25-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-DR-F

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of a Merged Category Limit for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

March 22, 1999.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, 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.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding dated March 4, 1999, the Governments of the United States and Romania agreed to merge Categories 647 and 648 and to establish a new limit for merged Categories 647/648 of 185,931 dozen for the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999. In addition, unused carryforward that had been applied to the 1998 limit for Category 647 is being recredited. The individual 1999 levels for Categories 647 and 648 are superseded by the above limit.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish a new limit for merged Categories 647/648 for the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel