

Width = 39.37 inches;
 Thickness = 0.181 inches maximum;
 Yield Strength = 70,000 psi minimum for
 thicknesses ≤ 0.148 inches and 65,000
 psi minimum for thicknesses >0.148
 inches;

Tensile Strength = 80,000 psi minimum.

Hot-rolled dual phase steel, phase-hardened, primarily with a ferritic-martensitic microstructure, contains 0.9 percent up to and including 1.5 percent silicon by weight, further characterized by either (i) tensile strength between 540 N/mm² and 640 N/mm² and an elongation percentage ≥26 percent for thicknesses of 2 mm and above, or (ii) a tensile strength between 590 N/mm² and 690 N/mm² and an elongation percentage ≥25 percent for thicknesses of 2mm and above.

Hot-rolled bearing quality steel, SAE grade 1050, in coils, with an inclusion rating of 1.0 maximum per ASTM E 45, Method A, with excellent surface quality and chemistry restrictions as follows: 0.012 percent maximum phosphorus, 0.015 percent maximum sulfur, and 0.20 percent maximum residuals including 0.15 percent maximum chromium.

- Grade ASTM A570-50 hot-rolled steel sheet in coils or cut lengths, width of 74 inches (nominal, within ASTM tolerances), thickness of 11 gauge (0.119 inches nominal), mill edge and skin passed, with a minimum copper content of 0.20 percent.

The covered merchandise is classified in the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS") at subheadings:

7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00,
 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30,
 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60,
 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30,
 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30,
 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30,
 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60,
 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00,
 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30,
 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00,
 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00,
 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90,
 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, 7212.50.00.00.
 Certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel covered include: vacuum degassed, fully stabilized; high strength low alloy; and the substrate for motor lamination steel may also enter under the following tariff numbers: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, and 7226.99.00.00. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the covered merchandise is dispositive.

Appendix IV

For purposes of this Agreement, Apparent U.S. Domestic Consumption will be estimated as follows, using data provided by the American Iron and Steel Institute and the U.S. Bureau of the Census in the following manner:

Apparent Consumption =

Domestic Shipments of Hot-Rolled Steel²
 +Imports of Hot-Rolled Steel³
 – Exports of Hot-Rolled Steel⁴

The definition of shipments used here, while as close as practically possible, is not identical to the imports as defined in Paragraph I.F and Appendix III of this Agreement.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Laos

July 13, 1999.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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 reopenings, 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 current limit for Categories 340/640 is being increased for recrediting of unused carryforward.

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

² Hot-Rolled Steel = Carbon Plates In Coils (AISI Data) + Carbon Hot-Rolled Sheets (AISI Data) + Carbon Hot-Rolled Strip (AISI Data).

³ Imports of Hot-Rolled Steel = Carbon Plates In Coils (AISI Data) + Carbon Hot-Rolled Sheets (AISI Data) + Carbon Hot-Rolled Strip (AISI Data) + Imports of HTS Numbers 7225303050, 7225307000, 7225407000, 7226917000, 7226918000 (Data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census on Imports for Consumption, as reported by the International Trade Commission's Trade DataWeb).

⁴ Exports of Hot-Rolled Steel = Carbon Plates in Coils (AISI Data) + Carbon Hot-Rolled Sheets (AISI Data) + Carbon Hot-Rolled Strip (AISI Data).

Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 53878, published on October 7, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 13, 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 and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Laos and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on July 21, 1999, you are directed to increase the current limit for Categories 340/640 to 167,513 dozen¹, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Oman

July 13, 1999.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-

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