

see 64 FR 54871, published on October 8, 1999.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 31, 2000.

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 October 4, 1999, 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 Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on April 6, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and Nepal:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
336/636	334,217 dozen.
340	478,914 dozen.
342/642	291,570 dozen.
347/348	907,501 dozen.
640	115,279 dozen.
641	247,762 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Petition HP 00-3 Requesting a Ban of Candle Wicks Containing Lead and of Candles Containing Such Wicks

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission has received two submissions, one from Public Citizen and one jointly from the National Apartment Association (NAA) and the National Multi Housing Council

(NMHC), that contain requests that the Commission ban lead-containing candles and wicks sold for candle-making that contain lead. These requests have been docketed collectively as a petition under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) (Petition No. HP 00-3). The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition from all interested parties.

DATES: Comments on the petition should be received in the Office of the Secretary by June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition HP 00-3—Candle Wicks Containing Lead." Copies of the petition are available by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Docket Control and Communications Specialist, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0800 ext. 1502.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Commission has received two submissions, one from Public Citizen and one jointly from the National Apartment Association (NAA) and the National Multi Housing Council (NMHC), that request the Commission to ban lead-containing candles and wicks sold for candle-making that contain lead. These have been docketed collectively as a petition under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) (Petition No. HP 00-3). The submissions argue that the lead in candle wicks produces hazardous combustion materials when the candles are used, creating a lead poisoning hazard for occupants, particularly children.

Public Citizen's submission also asked that the Commission recall such products. This request has not been docketed as part of the petition because this action does not require rulemaking. (This request will be considered separately by the Office of Compliance.) In addition, Public Citizen's submission asked that the Commission ban candles in metal containers that contain lead. This request has not been docketed as part of the petition because the submission did not provide facts to

explain why such action is necessary, as required by the Commission's rules for petitions, 16 CFR 1051.5(a)(4).

The Commission solicits comments on the petition, particularly regarding the potential costs and benefits of the requested rule.

Comments to CPSC should be mailed, preferably in five copies, to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland; telephone (301) 504-0800. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition HP 00-3—Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition from the CPSC's website at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. A copy of the petition is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Agenda and Priorities/ Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); Public Hearing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 2002, which begins October 1, 2001, and about its current strategic plan, to be revised and submitted to Congress September 30, 2000, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2002, and strategic plan will become part of the public record.