

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
647/648	1,559,180 dozen.
840	407,399 dozen.

¹ Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

² Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

³ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

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 2000 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 10, 1999) 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.

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

Sincerely,
Richard B. Steinkamp,
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 and the Outward Processing Program

November 13, 2000.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning the extension of amendment to the requirements for participation in

the Special Access Program and the Outward Processing Program.

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.

In order to qualify for Special Access Program treatment, a textile product must be assembled from U.S. fabric in a Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) or Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) country with which the United States has entered into a bilateral agreement regarding guaranteed access levels under the Special Access Program. The product must be assembled from fabric formed and cut in the United States; meaning that all fabric components of the assembled product (with the exception of findings and trimmings, including elastic strips) must be U.S. formed and cut. Upon entry into the United States, the product must be classified under heading 9802.00.8015 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

Findings and trimmings of non-U.S. origin may be incorporated into the assembled product provided they do not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the components of the assembled product. Certain non-U.S. formed, U.S. cut interlinings for suit jackets and suit-type jackets may currently qualify as findings and trimmings under a temporary amendment to the Special Access Program.

A notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 1998 (see 63 FR 70112), and amended on December 24, 1998 (see 64 FR 149, published on January 4, 1999), extended, through December 31, 2000, the exemption period for women's and girls' and men's and boys' chest type plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or weft inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 435, 443, 444, 633, 635, 643 and 644, which are entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015), provided they are cut in the United States.

On January 1, 2000, goods covered under the Outward Processing Program (9802.00.8017) were also authorized to use this exemption, as outlined in the letter and notice to the Commissioner of Customs, dated December 9, 1999 (see

64 FR 69746, published on December 14, 1999).

The purpose of this notice is to request public comment on CITA's intention to extend through December 31, 2002, this exemption for women's and girls' and men's and boys' "hymo" type interlining. There will be a 30-day comment period beginning on November 17, 2000 and extending through December 18, 2000. Anyone wishing to comment or provide data for information regarding domestic production or availability of the products mentioned above is invited to submit comments or information to Richard B. Steinkamp, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230: ATTN: Becky Geiger.

Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Information regarding the 2001 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Richard B. Steinkamp,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Air Force A-76 Initiatives Cost Comparisons and Direct Conversions (As of September 30, 2000)

The Air Force is in the process of conducting the following A-76 initiatives. Cost comparisons are public-private competitions. Direct conversions are functions that may result in a conversion to contract without public competition. These initiatives were announced and in-progress as of September 30, 2000, include the installation and state where the cost