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Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Turkey

August 13, 2001.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 17, 2001.

**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.gov>. For  
information on embargoes and quota re-  
openings, refer to the Office of Textiles  
and Apparel website at [http://  
otexa.ita.doc.gov](http://otexa.ita.doc.gov).

#### 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 Category 361 is  
being increased for the 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  
Schedule of the United States (see  
**Federal Register** notice 65 FR 82328,  
published on December 28, 2000). Also  
see 65 FR 66730, published on  
November 7, 2000.

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August 13, 2001.

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 27, 2000, 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 the Republic of Turkey and  
exported during the twelve-month period  
which began on January 1, 2001 and extends  
through December 31, 2001.

Effective on August 17, 2001, you are  
directed to increase the current limit for  
Category 361 to 2,576,045 numbers<sup>1</sup>, as  
provided for under the Uruguay Round  
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

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,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Request for Public Comments on the Elimination of the Paper Visa Requirement for Certain Textile Products Exported from the Philippines

August 13, 2001.

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori  
Mennitt, 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.

Pursuant to a textile visa arrangement  
between the United States and the  
Government of the Philippines, certain  
textiles and textile products exported  
from the Philippines must be  
accompanied by a visa issued by the  
Government of the Philippines in order  
to be imported into the United States.  
See 44 FR 68005 (November 28, 1979).

The Electronic Visa Information  
System (ELVIS) allows certain foreign  
governments to electronically transfer  
textile and textile product shipment  
information to the U.S. Customs Service  
and thereby issue a visa electronically.  
On August 18, 1997 (62 FR 43993),

<sup>1</sup> The limit has not been adjusted to account for  
any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

CITA announced that the Government  
of the Philippines would begin an  
ELVIS test implementation phase using  
both paper and electronic visas.

As a result of successful use of the  
dual visa system, preparations are under  
way to move beyond the current dual  
system to the paperless ELVIS system  
with the Philippines. Exempt goods, for  
example cottage industry handwoven  
and handloomed fabrics, handmade  
articles and garments of handwoven and  
handloomed fabric, and traditional  
folklore handicraft products, would still  
require an exempt certification issued  
by the Government of the Philippines.

CITA is soliciting public comments  
on the elimination of the paper visa  
requirement for the Philippines and  
utilization of the ELVIS system  
exclusively. Comments must be  
received on or before October 16, 2001.  
Comments may be mailed to D. Michael  
Hutchinson, Acting Chairman,  
Committee for the Implementation of  
Textile Agreements, room 3001, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, 14th and  
Constitution Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, DC 20230.

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Performance of Notice Registration Processing Functions by National Futures Association With Respect to Certain Securities Brokers and Dealers

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and order.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures  
Trading Commission ("Commission") is  
authorizing the National Futures  
Association ("NFA"), effective  
September 17, 2001, to process notice  
registration filings as a futures  
commission merchant ("FCM") or  
introducing broker ("IB") in the case of  
a securities broker or dealer ("BD")  
registered with the Securities and  
Exchange Commission ("SEC") that,  
among other things, limits its  
involvement with commodity futures  
contracts to security futures products. In