

not be required for textiles and textile products produced or manufactured in China that were integrated into GATT 1994 on January 1, 1995 and January 1, 1998 (see directive dated November 29, 2001, 66 FR 63225, published on December 5, 2001). Export visas will continue to be required for such products that were exported prior to December 11, 2001. Effective January 1, 2002, for goods exported on or after that date, quotas will be removed and export visas will not be required for textiles and textile products produced or manufactured in China that were integrated into GATT 1994 on January 1, 2002. Export visas will continue to be required by such products that were exported prior to January 1, 2002.

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

D. Michael Hutchinson,  
*Acting Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bahrain; Correction

December 20, 2001

In the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the Federal Register on November 14, 2001 (66 FR 57042), on page 57043, 1st column, in the table listing import restraint limits, categories 845 and 846 were inadvertently omitted from the list of categories covered under Group I. A letter has been sent to the Commissioner of Customs to add these categories to the categories listed under Group I.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Taiwan and Amendment of Export Visa and Certification Requirements for Textiles and Textile Products Integrated into GATT 1994 in the First, Second and Third Stage

December 20, 2001

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits and amending visa requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2002.

**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 these limits, 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 reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Taiwan and exported during the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 are based on limits that will be notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). Taiwan will accede to the WTO on January 1, 2002.

The ATC provides for the staged integration of textiles and textile products into the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994. For WTO members, the first stage of the integration took place on January 1, 1995 and the second stage took place on January 1, 1998. The products to be integrated in each stage were announced on April 26, 1995 (see 60 FR 21075, published on May 1, 1995 and 63 FR 53881, published on October 7, 1998).

The third stage of the integration will take place on January 1, 2002 (see 60 FR

21075, published on May 1, 1995). The United States will implement the first three stages of integration for Taiwan on that date. Accordingly, certain previously restrained categories have been modified and their limits have been revised. Certain other previously restrained categories have been eliminated. Integrated products will no longer be subject to quota. This directive implements stages one, two and three integration and agreed annual growth, but does not apply accelerated growth. CITA will amend Taiwan's quotas by applying accelerated growth at a later date.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2002 limits.

The United States will not maintain visa requirements on textiles and textile products that were integrated in stage one, two and three, that were produced or manufactured in Taiwan and exported on or after January 1, 2002. In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to eliminate existing visa requirements for textiles and textile products that were integrated on January 1, 1995, January 1, 1998 and January 1, 2002, and exported on or after January 1, 2002, produced or manufactured in Taiwan (see 66 FR 63225, published on December 5, 2001). The existing visa requirements for Taiwan will be maintained for goods exported prior to January 1, 2002. Integrated goods no longer require exempt certification. In addition, the Export Certification System (E/C System) for Taiwan is rescinded effective January 1, 2002.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001).

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 20, 2001

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

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2002, entry into the