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

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain
Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk
Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber
Textiles and Textile Products
Produced or Manufactured in Hong
Kong**

October 7, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Naomi Freeman, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection 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>.

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 limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing and special shift.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also

see 67 FR 68566, published on
November 12, 2002.

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Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 7, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 1, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on October 15, 2003, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Group II 237, 239pt. ² , 331pt. ³ 332–348, 351, 352, 359(1) ⁴ , 359(2) ⁵ , 359pt. ⁶ , 433–438, 440– 448, 459pt. ⁷ , 631pt. ⁸ 633–648, 651, 652, 659(1) ⁹ , 659(2) ¹⁰ , 659pt. ¹¹ , and 443/ 444/643/644(1), as a group.	933,163,998 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel in Group II 647 648	664,257 dozen. 1,295,025 dozen of which not more than 1,280,235 dozen shall be in Category 648–W ¹²
Group III—only 852 ...	2,038,048 square me- ters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

² Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

³Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except
6116.10.1720, 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.5510,
6116.10.7510, 6116.92.6410, 6116.92.6420,
6116.92.6430, 6116.92.6440, 6116.92.7450,
6116.92.7460, 6116.92.7470, 6116.92.8800,
6116.92.9400 and 6116.99.9510.

⁴Category 359(1): 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.

⁵ Category	359(2): only	HTS numbers
6103.19.2030,	6103.19.9030,	6104.12.0040,
6104.19.8040,	6110.20.1022,	6110.20.1024,
6110.20.2030,	6110.20.2035,	6110.90.9044,
6110.90.9046,	6201.92.2010,	6202.92.2020,
6203.19.1030,	6203.19.9030,	6204.12.0040,
6204.19.8040,	6211.32.0070	and
6211.42.0070.		

⁶Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.19.8010, 6117.10.6010, 6117.20.9010, 6203.22.1000, 6204.22.1000, 6212.90.0010, 6214.90.0010, 6406.99.1550, 6505.90.1525, 6505.90.1540, 6505.90.2060, 6505.90.2545 and HTS numbers in 359(1) and 359(2).

⁷Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except
6115.19.8020, 6117.10.1000, 6117.10.2010,
6117.20.9020, 6212.90.0020, 6214.20.0000,
6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090,
6406.99.1505, 6406.99.1560.

⁸Category 631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730, 6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520, 6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.4800, 6116.99.5400 and 6116.99.9530.

⁹ Category	659(1): 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.		

¹⁰Category 659(2): only HTS numbers
6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010,
6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040,
6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010
and 6211.12.1020.

¹¹ Category 659p.: all HTS numbers except 6115.11.0010, 6115.12.2000, 6117.10.2030, 6117.20.9030, 6212.90.0030, 6214.30.0000, 6214.40.0000, 6406.99.1510, 6406.99.1540 and HTS numbers in 659(1) and 659(2).

¹² Category	648-W: only	HTS numbers
6204.23.0040,	6204.23.0045,	6204.29.2020
6204.29.2025,	6204.29.4038,	6204.63.2000,
6204.63.3000,	6204.63.3510,	6204.63.3530,
6204.63.3532,	6204.63.3540,	6204.69.2510,
6204.69.2530,	6204.69.2540,	6204.69.2560,
6204.69.6030,	6204.69.9030,	6210.50.5035,
6211.20.1555,	6211.20.6820,	6211.43.0040
and 6217.90.9060.		

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