

with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

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*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** In furtherance of its implementation of the new U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy authorized by the President on April 25, 2003, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking public comment with regard to NOAA's licensing of commercial remote sensing satellite systems, including existing Federal regulations, current licensing conditions, and possible alternative approaches. This Request for Information extends the comment period of a previous NOAA request which was published on July 15, 2003.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway SSMC1, Room 7311, Silver Spring, MD 20910, attn: Timothy Stryker, Chief, Satellite Activities Branch.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The new U.S. National Space Policy, as authorized by the President on April 25, 2003, establishes guidance and implementation actions for commercial remote sensing space capabilities. A fact sheet regarding the new policy directive may be found in the "What's New" section on the NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing Web site at <http://www.licensing.noaa.gov>. The policy's goal is "to advance and protect U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by maintaining the nation's leadership in remote sensing space activities, and by sustaining and enhancing the U.S. remote sensing industry."

As part of the implementation of the new policy, NOAA is seeking public comment on all aspects of its licensing program for commercial remote sensing satellite systems. NOAA is seeking comments on topics such as:

- The current NOAA regulations on commercial remote sensing satellite systems (15 CFR 960);
- The current thresholds for commercial operations of U.S. systems;
- The U.S. Government's manner of conditioning operations of U.S. system operators;
- Issues of foreign availability and competition; and,
- Possible alternative approaches to address U.S. national security, foreign policy, and commercial interests.

For public reference, the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992, NOAA regulations, and other relevant materials may be found in the "Reference Materials" section on the NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing Web site at <http://www.licensing.noaa.gov>. Comments should be received by NOAA no later than November 19, 2003 by postal service to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Timothy Stryker, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-2024 x205, fax (301) 713-2032, e-mail [Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov](mailto:Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov), or Bernard Crawford at telephone (301) 713-2024 x204, e-mail [Bernard.Crawford@noaa.gov](mailto:Bernard.Crawford@noaa.gov).

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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

October 14, 2003.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2004.

**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 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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to establish the limits for the 2004 period.

These limits are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body. However, as the ATC and all restrictions thereunder will terminate on January 1, 2005, no adjustment for carryforward (borrowing from next year's limits for use in the current year) will be available.

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). Information regarding the availability of the 2004 Correlation will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**James C. Leonard III,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 14, 2003.

Commissioner,  
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,  
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, 2004, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or

manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2004 and extending through December 31, 2004, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Group I 237, 239pt. <sup>1</sup> , 331pt. <sup>2</sup> , 332–336, 338, 339, 340– 342, 345, 347, 348, 351, 352, 359pt. <sup>3</sup> , 433–436, 438, 440, 442– 448, 459pt. <sup>4</sup> , 631pt. <sup>5</sup> , 633–636, 638, 639, 640– 647, 648, 651, 652, 659pt. <sup>6</sup> , 845, 846 and 852, as a group.	80,069,154 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I 338/339 .....	1,112,625 dozen.
340/640 .....	533,818 dozen of which not more than 400,363 dozen shall be in Categories 340–Y/640–Y <sup>7</sup> .

<sup>1</sup> Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

<sup>2</sup> Category 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.

<sup>3</sup> Category 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 and 6505.90.2545.

<sup>4</sup> Category 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 and 6406.99.1560.

<sup>5</sup> Category 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.

<sup>6</sup> Category 659pt.: 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 and 6406.99.1540.

<sup>7</sup> Category 340–Y: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2046, 6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060; Category 640Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and 6205.30.2060.

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 2003 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated September 3, 2002) 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, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection 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 to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,  
James C. Leonard III,  
Chairman, 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 and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bangladesh**

October 14, 2003.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, 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 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 Bangladesh and exported during the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 are based on the limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to establish the limits

for the 2004 period. Carryforward applied to the 2003 limits is being deducted from the 2004 limits.

These limits are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body. However, as the ATC and all restrictions thereunder will terminate on January 1, 2005, no adjustment for carryforward (borrowing from next year's limits for use in the current year) will be available.

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Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
237 .....	883,619 dozen.
331pt. <sup>1</sup> .....	207,754 dozen pairs.
334 .....	269,572 dozen.
335 .....	484,017 dozen.
336/636 .....	866,160 dozen.
338/339 .....	2,509,175 dozen.
340/640 .....	5,672,148 dozen.
341 .....	4,698,862 dozen.
342/642 .....	812,976 dozen.
347/348 .....	4,228,973 dozen.
351/651 .....	1,291,175 dozen.
352/652 .....	19,262,987 dozen.
363 .....	48,127,473 numbers.
369–S <sup>2</sup> .....	3,226,019 kilograms.
634 .....	943,109 dozen.
635 .....	611,024 dozen.
638/639 .....	3,182,095 dozen.
641 .....	1,967,544 dozen.
645/646 .....	747,279 dozen.