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Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of an Import Restraint Limit and Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador

November 4, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and  
Border Protection establishing an import  
limit and guaranteed access level.

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

**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 import restraint limit and  
Guaranteed Access Level (GAL) for  
textile products in Categories 340/640,  
produced or manufactured in El  
Salvador 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 limit  
and guaranteed access level for 2004.

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.

This specific limit and guaranteed  
access level do not apply to goods that  
qualify for quota-free entry under the  
Trade and Development Act of 2000.

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.

Requirements for participation in the  
Special Access Program are available in  
**Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474,  
published on April 3, 1998.

**James C. Leonard III,**  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 4, 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 and man-made fiber textile  
products in Categories 340/640, produced or  
manufactured in El Salvador and exported  
during the twelve-month period beginning on  
January 1, 2004 and extending through  
December 31, 2004, in excess of 2,077,360  
dozen.

The limit set forth above is subject to  
adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the  
ATC and administrative arrangements  
notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in Categories 340/640 exported  
during 2003 shall be charged to the  
applicable category limit for that year (see  
directive dated October 18, 2002) to the  
extent of any unfilled balance. In the event  
the limit established for that period has been  
exhausted by previous entries, such products  
shall be charged to the limit set forth in this  
directive.

Also pursuant to the ATC, and under the  
terms of the Special Access Program, as set  
forth in 63 FR 16474 (April 3, 1998), effective  
on January 1, 2004, a guaranteed access level  
of 1,000,000 dozen is being established for  
properly certified textile products in  
Categories 340/640 assembled in El Salvador  
from fabric formed and cut in the United

States which are re-exported to the United  
States from El Salvador during the period  
beginning on January 1, 2004 and extending  
through December 31, 2004.

Any shipment for entry under the Special  
Access Program which is not accompanied  
by a valid and correct certification in  
accordance with the provisions of the  
certification requirements established in the  
directive of January 6, 1995 (60 FR 2740), as  
amended, shall be denied entry unless the  
Government of El Salvador authorizes the  
entry and any charges to the appropriate  
specific limit. Any shipment which is  
declared for entry under the Special Access  
Program but found not to qualify shall be  
denied entry into the United States.

This specific limit and guaranteed access  
level do not apply to goods that qualify for  
quota-free entry under the Trade and  
Development Act of 2000.

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 of 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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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory  
Information Management Group, Office  
of the Chief Information Officer, invites  
comments on the proposed information  
collection requests as required by the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to  
submit comments on or before January  
9, 2004.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section  
3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of  
1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires  
that the Office of Management and  
Budget (OMB) provide interested  
Federal agencies and the public an early  
opportunity to comment on information  
collection requests. OMB may amend or  
waive the requirement for public  
consultation to the extent that public  
participation in the approval process  
would defeat the purpose of the  
information collection, violate State or  
Federal law, or substantially interfere  
with any agency's ability to perform its  
statutory obligations. The Leader,  
Regulatory Information Management