

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—Continued

MONDAY, SEP-TEMBER 13, 2004 ..
 Council Secretariat 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
 Essential Fish Habitat EIS – Joint Session .. 9:30 a.m.
 National Standard 1 Briefing – Joint Session 11 a.m.
 Legislative Committee .. 11 a.m.
 Budget Committee 1 p.m.
 Enforcement Consultants 4 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEP-TEMBER 14, 2004 ..
 Council Secretariat 7 a.m.
 California State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
 Habitat Committee 10:30 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants As necessary
WEDNESDAY, SEP-TEMBER 15, 2004 ..
 Council Secretariat 7 a.m.
 California State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants As necessary
THURSDAY, SEP-TEMBER 16, 2004 ..
 Council Secretariat 7 a.m.
 California State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants As necessary
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2004 ..
 Council Secretariat 7 a.m.

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 Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.
Special Accommodations
 These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503–820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.
 Dated: August 24, 2004.
Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS
Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Taiwan
 August 23, 2004.
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: August 30, 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.cbp.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 increased for carryover.

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 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004). Also see 68 FR 59927, published on October 20, 2003.

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 23, 2004.

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 14, 2003, 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 Taiwan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on August 30, 2004, you are directed to increase the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevel in Group II 633/634/635	1,650,784 dozen of which not more than 968,910 dozen shall be in Categories 633/634 and not more than 858,578 dozen shall be in Category 635.

Category	Twelve-month limit ¹
Within Group II Sub-group 333/334/335	349,314 dozen of which not more than 187,340 dozen shall be in Category 335.

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2003.

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,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Export Visa Requirements to Include the Electronic Visa Information System for Certain Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Maldives

August 23, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

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.

In exchange of notes dated January 12, 2004 and August 4, 2004, the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Maldives agreed to amend the existing Visa Arrangement for cotton, wool, and man-made fiber apparel. The amended visa Arrangement establishes new provisions for the Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS), but continues the requirement for the paper visa. This notice amends, but does not cancel, the notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs, as amended, published in the Federal

Register on August 24, 1982. (See 47 FR 36879.)

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of categories within the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004).

Goods integrated into GATT 1994 in Stages II and III by the United States will not require a visa or ELVIS transmission (see Federal Register notices 63 FR 53881, published on October 7, 1998 and 66 FR 63225, published on December 5, 2001).

Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 23, 2004.

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 August 18, 1982, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. Under the terms of Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, and the exchange of notes on January 12, 2004 and August 4, 2004, between the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Maldives; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit entry into the customs territory of the United States (i.e. the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber apparel, as detailed in the exchange of notes dated January 12, 2004 and August 4, 2004, and exported on or after September 7, 2004, for which the Government of the Republic of Maldives has not issued an appropriate export visa and Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) transmission fully described below. Should additional categories, part-categories or merged categories become subject to import quotas, the entire category(s), part-category(s) or merged category(s) shall be included in the coverage of this Arrangement. The categories covered by this directive are 237, 239, 330-359, 431-

459, and 630-659. Integrated products do not require an ELVIS transmission or a visa.

A visa must accompany each shipment of the aforementioned textile products. The original visa in blue ink shall be stamped on the front of the original commercial invoice.

Visa Requirements

Each visa stamp will include the following information:

1. The visa number. The visa number shall be in the standard nine digit letter format beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (The code for Maldives is MV), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 4MV123456.

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month, and year on which the visa was issued.

3. The original signature of the issuing official authorized by the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

4. The correct category(s), merged category(s), part category(s), quantity(s), and units of quantity in the shipment in the units(s) of quantity provided for in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), e.g., "Cat. 340-510 DZ".

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted.

The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a visa, or if the visa number, date of issuance, signature, category, quantity are missing, incorrect, illegible, or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the visa is less than that of the shipment, entry shall not be permitted. If the quantity indicated on the visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted and only the amount entered shall be charged to any applicable quota.

Quantities shall be those determined by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

If the visa is not acceptable then a new visa must be obtained from the Government of the Republic of Maldives or a visa waiver may be issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the request of the Government of the Republic of Maldives and presented to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection before any portion of the shipment will be released. The waiver, if used, only waives the requirement to present a visa with the shipment. Visa waivers will only be issued for classification purposes or for one-time special purpose shipments that are not part of an ongoing commercial enterprise.

If the visaed invoice is deficient, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection will not return the original document after entry, but will provide a certified copy of that visaed invoice for use in obtaining a new correct original visaed invoice, or a visa waiver.

Only the actual quantity in the shipment and the correct category will be charged to the restraint level.

ELVIS Requirements: