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# **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1996 limits. A directive to reduce the limits for certain categories for carryforward used during 1995 will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

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 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994).

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the ATC, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 29, 1995.

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), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1996, 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 textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996, in excess of the following limits:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
239 .....	5,377,008 kilograms.
Levels in Group I	
200 .....	1,021,931 kilograms.
218 .....	16,790,460 square meters.
219 .....	5,450,300 square meters.
300 .....	4,087,725 kilograms.
301-P <sup>1</sup> .....	4,087,725 kilograms.
301-O <sup>2</sup> .....	817,546 kilograms.
313 .....	19,076,049 square meters.
314 .....	43,602,397 square meters.
315 .....	27,251,498 square meters.
317/326 .....	11,440,442 square meters.
363 .....	17,713,473 numbers.
369-D <sup>3</sup> .....	194,849 kilograms.
369-S <sup>4</sup> .....	272,515 kilograms.
604 .....	637,593 kilograms of which not more than 408,772 kilograms shall be in Category 604-A <sup>5</sup> .
607 .....	2,725,149 kilograms.
611 .....	12,652,112 square meters.
613/614/615 .....	41,185,590 square meters of which not more than 23,981,319 square meters shall be in Categories 613/615 and not more than 23,981,319 square meters shall be in Category 614.
617 .....	14,872,574 square meters.
619 .....	6,131,587 square meters.
620 .....	6,131,587 square meters.
625/626/627/628/629	12,012,464 square meters of which not more than 9,538,024 square meters shall be in Category 625.
669-P <sup>6</sup> .....	5,747,563 kilograms.
Group II	
237, 330-359, 431-459, 630-659 and 831-859, as a group.	252,127,746 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II	
331/631 .....	1,487,406 dozen pairs.
334/634 .....	531,404 dozen.
335/635/835 .....	422,398 dozen.
336/636 .....	272,515 dozen.
338/339 .....	1,724,343 dozen.
340 .....	245,264 dozen.
341/641 .....	579,094 dozen.
342/642 .....	504,153 dozen.
345 .....	258,889 dozen.
347/348/847 .....	711,945 dozen.
351/651 .....	204,386 dozen.
359-H/659-H <sup>7</sup> .....	1,195,544 kilograms.
433 .....	9,395 dozen.
434 .....	11,597 dozen.
435 .....	52,701 dozen.
438 .....	17,396 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
442 .....	20,202 dozen.
638/639 .....	2,032,262 dozen.
640 .....	449,649 dozen.
645/646 .....	272,515 dozen.
647/648 .....	970,153 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> Category 301-P: only HTS numbers 5206.21.0000, 5206.22.0000, 5206.23.0000, 5206.24.0000, 5206.25.0000, 5206.41.0000, 5206.42.0000, 5206.43.0000, 5206.44.0000 and 5206.45.0000.

<sup>2</sup> Category 301-O: only HTS numbers 5205.21.0000, 5205.22.0000, 5205.23.0000, 5205.24.0000, 5205.25.0000, 5205.41.0000, 5205.42.0000, 5205.43.0000, 5205.44.0000 and 5205.45.0000.

<sup>3</sup> Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

<sup>4</sup> Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

<sup>5</sup> Category 604-A: only HTS number 5509.32.0000.

<sup>6</sup> Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.31.0010, 6305.31.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

<sup>7</sup> Category 359-H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060; Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment in the future according to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the ATC and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

The conversion factors for merged Categories 359-H/659-H and 638/639 are 11.5 and 12.96, respectively.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs 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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

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

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