

**Request for Public Comments on  
Bilateral Textile Consultations with El  
Salvador on Certain Cotton and Man-  
Made Fiber Textile Products**

April 17, 1995.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482-4212. For information on  
categories for which consultations have  
been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

**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).

On March 27, 1995, under the terms  
of Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of  
1956, as amended, the Government of  
the United States requested  
consultations with the Government of El  
Salvador with respect to cotton and  
man-made fiber pajamas and other  
nightwear in Categories 351/651 and  
cotton and man-made fiber underwear  
in Categories 352/652, produced or  
manufactured in El Salvador.

The purpose of this notice is to advise  
the public that, if no solution is agreed  
upon in consultations with the  
Government of El Salvador, the  
Committee for the Implementation of  
Textile Agreements may later establish  
a limit for the entry and withdrawal  
from warehouse for consumption of  
textile products in Categories 351/651  
and 352/652, produced or manufactured  
in El Salvador and exported during the  
twelve-month period which began on  
March 27, 1995 and extends through  
March 26, 1996, at levels of not less  
than 259,914 dozen, in the case of  
Categories 351/651; and 3,687,034  
dozen, in the case of Categories 352/652.

Statements of serious damage  
concerning Categories 351/651 and 352/  
652 follow this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or  
provide data or information regarding  
the treatment of Categories 351/651 and  
352/652, or to comment on domestic  
production or availability of products  
included in Categories 351/651 and 352/  
652, is invited to submit 10 copies of  
such comments or information to Rita D.  
Hayes, Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements,  
U.S. Department of Commerce,  
Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L.  
LeGrande. The comments received will  
be considered in the context of the

consultations with the Government of El  
Salvador.

Because the exact timing of the  
consultations is not yet certain,  
comments should be submitted  
promptly. Comments or information  
submitted in response to this notice will  
be available for public inspection in the  
Office of Textiles and Apparel, room  
H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW.,  
Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited  
regarding particular comments or  
information received from the public  
which the Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements  
considers appropriate for further  
consideration.

The solicitation of comments  
regarding any aspect of the agreement or  
the implementation thereof is not a  
waiver in any respect of the exemption  
contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating  
to matters which constitute "a foreign  
affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed  
to finding a solution concerning  
Categories 351/651 and 352/652. Should  
such a solution be reached in  
consultations with the Government of El  
Salvador, further notice will be  
published in the **Federal Register**.

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).

**Rita D. Hayes,**

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

**Statement of Serious Damage—El Salvador  
Cotton and Manmade Fiber Pajamas and  
Other Nightwear  
Category 351/651  
March 1995**

*Import Situation and Conclusion*

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade  
fiber pajamas and other nightwear,  
Category 351/651, from El Salvador  
reached 259,914 dozen in 1994, 119  
percent above the 118,550 dozen  
imported in 1993 and seven times its  
1992 level. Imports from El Salvador  
were 2.3 percent of total U.S. imports of  
Category 351/651 in 1994, and were  
equivalent to 2.5 percent of U.S.  
production of Category 351/651 in the  
year ending September 1994.

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade  
fiber pajamas and other nightwear from  
El Salvador in Category 351/651,  
entered the U.S. at an average landed  
duty-paid value of \$43.37 per dozen, 65  
percent below U.S. producers' average

price for cotton and manmade fiber  
pajamas and other nightwear.

The sharp and substantial increase of  
low valued Category 351/651 imports  
from El Salvador is causing serious  
damage to the U.S. industry producing  
cotton and manmade fiber pajamas and  
other nightwear.

**U.S. Production, Import Penetration, and  
Market Share**

U.S. production of cotton and  
manmade fiber pajamas and other  
nightwear, Category 351/651, fell from  
11,639,000 dozen in 1992 to 10,442,000  
dozen in 1993, a decline of 10 percent.  
Production continued to decline in  
1994, falling to 7,620,000 dozen during  
the first nine months of 1994, 2 percent  
below the January-September 1993  
production level. In contrast U.S.  
imports of Category 351/651 surged  
from 9,347,000 dozen in 1992 to  
10,832,000 dozen in 1993, a 16 percent  
increase. Cotton and manmade fiber  
pajamas and other nightwear, Category  
351/651, imports continued to increase  
in 1994, reaching 11,406,000 dozen, 5  
percent above the 1993 level and 22  
percent above the 1992 level.

The ratio of imports to domestic  
production increased from 80 percent in  
1992 to 104 percent in 1993, and  
reached 111 percent during January-  
September 1994. The share of the U.S.  
cotton and manmade fiber pajamas and  
other nightwear market held by  
domestic manufacturers fell from 55  
percent in 1992 to 49 percent in 1993,  
a decline of six percentage points, and  
fell to 47 percent during the first nine  
months of 1994.

**Statement of Serious Damage—El Salvador  
Cotton and Manmade Fiber Underwear  
Category 352/652  
March 1995**

*Import Situation and Conclusion*

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade  
fiber underwear, Category 352/652, from  
El Salvador reached 3,687,034 dozen in  
1994, 80 percent above the 2,053,364  
dozen imported in 1993 and nearly five  
times its 1992 level. Imports from El  
Salvador were 3.8 percent of total U.S.  
imports of Category 352/652 in 1994,  
and were equivalent to 2.2 percent of  
U.S. production of Category 352/652 in  
the year ending September 1994.

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade  
fiber underwear, from El Salvador in  
Category 352/652, entered the U.S. at an  
average landed duty-paid value of \$9.85  
per dozen, 67 percent below U.S.  
producers' average price for cotton and  
manmade fiber underwear.

The sharp and substantial increase of  
low valued Category 352/652 imports  
from El Salvador is causing serious  
damage to the U.S. domestic industry

producing cotton and manmade fiber underwear.

*U.S. Production, Import Penetration, and Market Share*

U.S. production of cotton and manmade fiber underwear, Category 352/652, declined from 175,542,000 dozen in 1992 to 168,802,000 dozen in 1993, a decline of 4 percent. Production continued to decline in 1994, falling to 126,962,000 dozen during the first nine months of 1994, 4 percent below January-September 1993 production level. In contrast imports of Category 352/652 surged from 65,507,000 dozen in 1992 to 79,962,000 dozen in 1993, a 22 percent increase. Cotton and manmade fiber underwear, Category 352/652, imports continued to increase in 1994, reaching 97,375,000 dozen, 22 percent above the 1993 level and 49 percent above the level imported in 1992.

The ratio of imports to domestic production increased from 37 percent in 1992 to 47 percent in 1993, and reached 54 percent during January-September 1994. The share of this market held by domestic manufacturers fell from 73 percent in 1992 to 68 percent in 1993, a decline of five percentage points. The domestic market share dropped to 65 percent during the first nine months of 1994.

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**Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations on Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Nightwear and Pajamas**

April 17, 1995.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Tallarico (Jamaica) and Jennifer Aldrich (Honduras), International Trade Specialists, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on categories for which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

**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).

On March 27, 1995, under the terms of Article 6 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Government of the United States requested consultations

with the Governments of Honduras and Jamaica with respect to cotton and manmade fiber nightwear and pajamas in Categories 351/651, produced or manufactured in Honduras and Jamaica.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Honduras and the Government of Jamaica, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements may later establish a limit for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 351/651, produced or manufactured in Honduras and Jamaica and exported during the twelve-month period which began on March 27, 1995 and extends through March 26, 1996, at a level of not less than 157,990 dozen, in the case of Honduras, and a level of not less than 453,082 dozen, in the case of Jamaica.

A statement of serious damage concerning Categories 351/651 follows this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of Categories 351/651, or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in Categories 351/651, is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Rita D. Hayes, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L. LeGrande. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Honduras and the Government of Jamaica.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the agreement or the implementation thereof is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning

Categories 351/651. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Governments of Honduras and Jamaica, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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).

**Rita D. Hayes,**

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

**Statement of Serious Damage**

**Cotton and Manmade Fiber Pajamas and Other Nightwear—Category 351/651**

The sharp and substantial increase in imports of cotton and manmade fiber pajamas and other nightwear, Category 351/651, is causing serious damage to the U.S. industry producing cotton and manmade fiber pajamas and other nightwear.

Category 351/651 imports surged from 9,347,000 dozen in 1992 to 10,832,000 dozen in 1993, a 16 percent increase. Cotton and manmade fiber pajamas and other nightwear imports, Category 351/651, continued to increase in 1994, reaching 11,406,000 dozen, 5 percent above the 1993 level and 22 percent above the 1992 level.

Serious damage to the domestic industry resulting from the sharp and substantial increase in imports of cotton and manmade fiber pajamas and other nightwear is attributed to imports from Jamaica and Honduras<sup>1</sup>. In both cases surging imports and low priced goods have resulted in loss of domestic output, market share, investment, employment, man-hours worked, and total annual wages.

Total imports from these two countries increased from 193,948 dozen in 1992 to 611,072 dozen in 1994, a sharp and substantial increase of 215 percent. Their imports nearly doubled in 1994 over their 1993 level. Together their 1992 imports were 2.0 percent of total Category 351/651 imports. Their share of total Category imports increased to 5.4 percent in 1994. Their 1994 imports were 5.9 percent of total U.S. production of cotton and manmade fiber pajamas and other nightwear in the year ending September 1994.

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<sup>1</sup> El Salvador called under domestic legal authority. El Salvador is not a WTO member.