

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Thailand.

May 20, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 27, 1998.

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 or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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 reduced for carryforward used.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 65246, published on December 11, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 20, 1998.

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 December 5, 1997, 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 Thailand and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Effective on May 27, 1998, you are directed to reduce the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
200	1,122,570 kilograms.
604	704,073 kilograms of which not more than 475,261 kilograms shall be in Category 604-A ² .
619	6,771,341 square meters.
620	6,791,544 square meters.
Sublevels in Group II	
334/634	608,167 dozen.
338/339	1,812,127 dozen.
347/348/847	785,400 dozen.
435	54,015 dozen.
638/639	2,159,202 dozen.
647/648	1,081,112 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

² Category 604-A: only HTS number 5509.32.0000.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DAPE-ZXI-RM).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Water Resources Support Center Navigation Data Center, (CEWRSC-NDC), 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22315-3868, ATTN: (Virginia R. Pankow). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

Title: Terminal and Transfer Facilities Description, WRSC Forms 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9, OMB Control Number 0710-0007

Needs and Uses: The data compiled into Port Series Reports are used within the Corps of Engineers for navigation and planning functions, by the Coast Guard for marine safety inspections, by the Navy for guidance in providing safe passage in time of national emergency, by the Army for mission deployment planning, and by the public for general reference, planning, and various studies.

Affected Public: Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 372.

Number of Respondents: 1,489.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Data gathered, and published as one of the 56 Port Series Reports, relate to terminal, transfer facilities, storage facilities, and intermodal transportation. This information is used in navigation, planning, safety, National security, emergency operations, and general interest studies and activities. Respondents are the terminal and transfer facility operators.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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