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Larry Irving,

Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Performance Review Board; Membership

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Executive Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Performance Review Board.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 19 November 1998 at 10:00 AM in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. The meeting will focus on a variety of projects affecting the appearance of the city.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC, 26 October 1998.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Laos

October 29, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, 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 limit for Categories 340/640 is being increased for carryover and carryforward.

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 63 FR 5786, published on February 4, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 29, 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 January 29, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Laos and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on November 5, 1998, you are directed to increase the current limit for

Categories 340/640 to 175,358 dozen¹, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of Cambodia

October 30, 1998.

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

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

On October 28, 1998, under Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of Cambodia with respect to cotton knit shirts and blouses in Categories 338/339 and cotton sweaters in Category 345, produced or manufactured in Cambodia.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Cambodia, the Government of the United States may later establish limits for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of textile products in Categories 338/339 and 345, produced or manufactured in Cambodia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on October 28, 1998 and extends through October 27, 1999,

at a level of not less than 1,745,634 dozen for Categories 338/339 and at a level of not less than 53,001 dozen for Category 345.

Statements of serious damage, actual threat of serious damage or the exacerbation of serious damage concerning Categories 338/339 and 345 follow this notice.

In a notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published on October 28, 1998 (63 FR 57666), CITA extended the restraint limit on cotton and man-made fiber gloves and mittens in Categories 331/631 for the period October 29, 1998 through October 28, 1999.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding Categories 331/631, 338/339 and 345 or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in these categories is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, 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 Cambodia.

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 commentary 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 implementation of an agreement 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 these categories. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Cambodia, 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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997).

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Summary of the Statement in Support of Request for Consultations Under Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956

Men's & Boys' and Women's & Girls' Cotton Knit Shirts and Blouses—Category 338/339 October 1998

Import Situation and Conclusion

U.S. imports of men's and boys' and women's and girls' cotton knit shirts and blouses, Category 338/339, from Cambodia surged to 1,745,634 dozen during the year ending July 1998, nearly 12 times the 151,226 dozen imported during the year ending July 1997 and more than 600 times the 2,568 dozen imported in calendar year 1996. Imports from Cambodia were 1.2 percent of total U.S. imports of Category 338/339 in the year ending July 1998, and were equivalent to 1.7 percent of U.S. production of Category 338/339 in 1997.

U.S. imports of men's and boys' and women's and girls' cotton knit shirts and blouses, Category 338/339, from Cambodia entered the U.S. at an average landed duty-paid value of \$47.28 per dozen during the first seven months of 1998, 10 percent below the average landed duty-paid value for all men's and boys' and women's and girls' cotton knit shirt and blouse imports into the U.S., and 43 percent below the average U.S. producers' price for men's and boys' and women's and girls' cotton knit shirts and blouses.

The sharp and substantial increase of low-valued Category 338/339 imports from Cambodia threatens to cause disruption to the U.S. men's and boys' and women's and girls' cotton knit shirt and blouse market and to the orderly flow of trade in these products. In several instances, Cambodia's import level for the year ending July 1998 exceeds the trade levels of WTO countries that have quota agreements with the United States.

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

U.S. production of men's and boys' and women's and girls' cotton knit shirts and blouses, Category 338/339, declined in 1997 falling to 104,876,000 dozen, 4 percent below the 1996 production level. Imports of Category 338/339 increased from 97,278,858 dozen in 1996 to 119,559,213 dozen in 1997, a 23 percent increase. Imports continued to increase reaching 141,574,072 dozen in the year ending July 1998, 28 percent above the same period a year earlier.

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