

the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Effective on January 1, 1999, a visa will no longer be required for products integrated in the second stage of the integration of textiles and clothing into GATT 1994 from WTO member countries (see 63 FR 53881, published on October 7, 1998). A visa will continue to be required for non-integrated products. For quota purposes only, products remaining in categories partially integrated will continue to be designated by the designator "pt."

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1999 limits.

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). Information regarding the 1999 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 12, 1998.

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); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1999, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Aggregate Limit 200-227, 237, 239pt. ¹ , 300-326, 331-348, 350- 352, 359pt. ² , 360- 363, 369-D ³ , 369pt. ⁴ , 400-431, 433-438, 440- 448, 459pt. ⁵ , 464, 469pt. ⁶ , 600-629, 631, 633-652, 659pt. ⁷ , 666, 669- P ⁸ , 669pt. ⁹ and 670, as a group.	544,207,428 square meters equivalent.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Sublevels within the aggregate	
218	6,762,406 square meters.
219	24,688,791 square meters.
225	11,834,212 square meters.
300/301	9,171,379 kilograms.
313	56,792,206 square meters.
314	9,298,311 square meters.
315	27,894,932 square meters.
317/326	25,359,027 square meters.
334/335	181,974 dozen.
336	101,098 dozen.
338/339/638/639	1,819,750 dozen.
342/642	535,814 dozen.
347/348	1,314,263 dozen.
350	203,896 dozen.
361	1,374,921 numbers.
363	29,344,134 numbers.
369-D	655,395 kilograms.
410/624	13,524,815 square meters of which not more than 2,735,601 square meters shall be in Category 410.
433	18,990 dozen.
445/446	74,391 dozen.
604	641,996 kilograms of which not more than 490,670 kilograms shall be in Category 604-A ¹⁰ .
607	5,961,398 kilograms.
647/648	606,584 dozen.
669-P	2,184,653 kilograms.

¹Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

²Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1550.

³Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

⁴Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005, 6302.91.0045 (Category 369-D); 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700.

⁵Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

⁶Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

⁷Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.

⁸Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁹Category 669pt.: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040.

¹⁰Category 604-A: only HTS number 5509.32.0000.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported during 1998 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 19, 1997) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

The conversion factor for merged Categories 338/339/638/639 is 10 (square meters equivalent/category unit).

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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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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 Hong Kong

November 10, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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

