

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
840 .....	366,376 dozen.

<sup>1</sup>Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

<sup>2</sup>Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

<sup>3</sup>Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

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 1999 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated September 30, 1998) 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.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Arab Emirates**

December 10, 1999.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

**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 these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, 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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). Some limits have been reduced for carryforward used.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish limits for the 2000 period. The 2000 levels for Categories 315 and 361 are zero.

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** notices 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Information regarding the 2000 **CORRELATION** will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

December 10, 1999.

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, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1,

2000 and extending through December 31, 2000 in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
219 .....	1,495,474 square meters.
226/313 .....	2,557,297 square meters.
315 .....	-0-
317 .....	41,254,401 square meters.
326 .....	2,414,093 square meters.
334/634 .....	304,773 dozen.
335/635/835 .....	200,606 dozen.
336/636 .....	249,666 dozen.
338/339 .....	753,807 dozen of which not more than 502,537 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S <sup>1</sup> .
340/640 .....	467,320 dozen.
341/641 .....	409,211 dozen.
342/642 .....	325,094 dozen.
347/348 .....	529,296 dozen of which not more than 264,647 dozen shall be in Categories 347-T/348-T <sup>2</sup> .
351/651 .....	220,860 dozen.
352 .....	430,748 dozen.
361 .....	-0-
363 .....	8,046,974 numbers.
369-O <sup>3</sup> .....	780,114 kilograms.
369-S <sup>4</sup> .....	112,015 kilograms.
638/639 .....	304,773 dozen.
647/648 .....	436,843 dozen.
847 .....	274,297 dozen.

<sup>1</sup>Category 338-S: only HTS numbers 6103.22.0050, 6105.10.0010, 6105.10.0030, 6105.90.8010, 6109.10.0027, 6110.20.1025, 6110.20.2040, 6110.20.2065, 6110.90.9068, 6112.11.0030 and 6114.20.0005; Category 339-S: only HTS numbers 6104.22.0060, 6104.29.2049, 6106.10.0010, 6106.10.0030, 6106.90.2510, 6106.90.3010, 6109.10.0070, 6110.20.1030, 6110.20.2045, 6110.20.2075, 6110.90.9070, 6112.11.0040, 6114.20.0010 and 6117.90.9020.

<sup>2</sup>Category 347-T: only HTS numbers 6103.19.2015, 6103.19.9020, 6103.22.0030, 6103.42.1020, 6103.42.1040, 6103.49.8010, 6112.11.0050, 6113.00.9038, 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348-T: only HTS numbers 6104.12.0030, 6104.19.8030, 6104.22.0040, 6104.29.2034, 6104.62.2006, 6104.62.2011, 6104.62.2026, 6104.62.2028, 6104.69.8022, 6112.11.0060, 6113.00.9042, 6117.90.9060, 6204.12.0030, 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.69.6010, 6204.69.9010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.20.6810, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

<sup>3</sup>Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S); 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 (Category 369pt.).

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

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.

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Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos. 84.116A; 84.116B]

### Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Comprehensive Program (Preapplications and Applications) Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

*Purpose of Program:* To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education or combinations of those institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.

*Deadline for Transmittal of*

*Preapplications:* February 11, 2000.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Final Applications:* May 19, 2000.

**Note:** All applicants must submit a preapplication to be eligible to submit a final application.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 18, 2000.

*Applications Available:* December 17, 1999.

*Available Funds:* It is anticipated that approximately \$19,000,000 will be available for an estimated 150 new awards under the Comprehensive Program. In FY 1998, the Secretary held separate Special Focus competitions for the Controlling the Cost of

Postsecondary Education Program and the Disseminating Proven Reforms Program. In order to increase, through targeted outreach efforts, the number of applications for projects on cost control and dissemination, the Secretary plans to include these topics as invitational priorities under this Comprehensive Program competition. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on the number and quality of applications.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$50,000 to \$200,000 per year.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$127,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 150.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

### Priorities

#### Invitational Priorities

While applicants may propose any project within the scope of 20 U.S.C. 1138(a), under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

*Invitational Priority 1*—Projects to make more productive use of resources to improve teaching and learning; and to increase learning productivity—that is, to transform programs and teaching to promote more student learning relative to institutional resources expended.

*Invitational Priority 2*—Projects to disseminate innovative postsecondary educational programs that have already been locally developed, implemented, and evaluated.

*Invitational Priority 3*—Projects to support new ways of ensuring equal access to postsecondary education, and to improve rates of retention and program completion, especially for low-income and underrepresented minority students, whose retention and completion rates continue to lag disturbingly behind those of other groups.

*Invitational Priority 4*—Projects to improve campus climates for learning by creating an environment that is safe, welcoming, and conducive to academic growth for all students.

*Invitational Priority 5*—Projects to support innovative reforms of undergraduate, graduate, and professional curricula that improve not

only what students learn, but how they learn.

*Invitational Priority 6*—Projects to support the professional development of full- and part-time faculty by assessing and rewarding effective teaching; promoting new and more effective teaching methods; and improving the preparation of graduate students who will be future faculty members.

*Invitational Priority 7*—Projects to promote innovative school-college partnerships and to improve the preparation of K–12 teachers, in order to enhance students' preparation for, access to, and success in college.

### Methods for Applying Selection Criteria

For preapplications (preliminary applications) and final applications (applications), the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the selection criteria. Within each of these criteria, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the factors.

### Selection Criteria

In evaluating preapplications and final applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 75.210.

*Preapplications.* In evaluating preapplications, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria:

(a) Need for project. The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its need, as determined by the following factors:

(1) The magnitude or severity of the problem to be addressed by the proposed project.

(2) The magnitude of the need for the services to be provided or the activities to be carried out by the proposed project.

(b) Significance. The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its significance, as determined by the following factors:

(1) The potential contribution of the proposed project to increased knowledge or understanding of educational problems, issues, or effective strategies.

(2) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies.

(3) The importance or magnitude of the results or outcomes likely to be attained by the proposed project, especially improvements in teaching and student achievement.

(4) The potential replicability of the proposed project or strategies, including, as appropriate, the potential for implementation in a variety of settings.