

requester of the reasons for this determination, and the request will not be considered. However, the Committee will reevaluate any request that is resubmitted with additional information.

If the Committee determines that the request provides the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request in light of the considerations set forth above, the Committee will cause to be published in the **Federal Register** a notice seeking public comments regarding the request, which will include a summary of the request and the date by which comments must be received. If a comment submitted alleges that the product can be supplied by a domestic manufacturer in commercial quantities in a timely manner, the Committee will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the yarn or fabric stating that it produces the product that is the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

Prior to determining that a fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, the Committee, working with the USTR, will seek advice from appropriate advisory committees established under section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155) and will consult with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate; and USTR will obtain the advice of the USITC.

With respect to any request considered by the Committee, the Committee will make a determination within 60 calendar days of receipt. If the Committee makes a negative determination, it will cause this determination and the reasons therefore to be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Committee makes an affirmative determination, it will submit a report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate setting forth the action proposed to be proclaimed, the reasons for such action, and the advice obtained. In the event the President proclaims that a fabric or yarn is eligible for preferential treatment under the Short Supply Provisions, the Proclamation will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Business Confidential Information, Public Reading Room**

The Committee will protect any business confidential information that is

marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law.

As noted above, the Committee will cause to be published in the **Federal Register** a notice seeking public comments regarding a request that is being considered, a notice which will include a summary of the request. Moreover, the Committee will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting a request or comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

**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 and Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala**

February 28, 2001.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 6, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, 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.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

**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.

These specific limits and guaranteed access levels do not apply to goods that qualify for quota-free entry under the Trade and Development Act of 2000.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 75673, published on December 4, 2000.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

February 28, 2001.

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 November 28, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported during the period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on March 6, 2001, you are directed to reduce the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
347/348 .....	2,033,348 dozen.
443 .....	70,212 numbers.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

These specific limits and guaranteed access levels do not apply to goods that qualify for quota-free entry under the Trade and Development Act of 2000.

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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