

SUMMARY: On September 20, 2001, Ocean Minerals Company (OMCO) submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) an application for a five-year extension of Deep Seabed Mining Exploration License USA-1, pursuant to sections 105(c)(2) and 107(a) of the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources (DSHMRA, 30 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*) and 15 CFR 970.515. OMCO has also proposed related exploration plan revisions.

NOAA has determined that this proposal constitutes an application for a major but not a significant revision to the exploration plan and to the terms, conditions, and restrictions (TCRs) of the license under 15 CFR 970.513, and is commencing public review procedures as prescribed in 15 CFR 970.514(b). Pursuant to the DSHMRA and 15 CFR part 970, on August 29, 1984, NOAA issued a license to OMCO to engage in deep seabed mining exploration in the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone area of the Northeastern Equatorial Pacific Ocean. Since that time, the licensee, subject to the TCRs of the license and the regulatory requirements, has diligently pursued the activities approved in the exploration plan of the license, directed toward application for a commercial permit.

In 1991, NOAA approved a revision to the exploration plan for USA-I and extended the original license for an additional five years. This exploration plan is a two-phased plan. During Phase I, OMCO's activities are designed to monitor legal, technical and political developments pertaining to deep seabed mining; analyze environmental and nodule resource data; and, reevaluate the potential for commercial mining. During Phase II OMCO's activities are directed toward survey operations, upgrading the exploration ship and equipment, and delineation of the ore body.

OMCO is applying for a five-year extension of the license based on significantly changed market conditions, pursuant to 15 CFR 970.515. Section 107(a) of the DSHMRA provides that the Administration shall extend a license, on terms consistent with the Act and NOAA's regulations, if the licensee has complied with the license and associated exploration plan. Section 105(c)(2) of the DSHMRA authorizes NOAA to approve a license revision upon a finding that the revision will comply with the requirements of the Act and implementing regulations. A revision to the exploration plan is being requested to reflect accomplishment of objectives in Phase I of OMCO's current plan. For example, the substantial amounts of data received as a result of

the exchange of exploration data between consortia during settlement of overlapping sites is sufficient to determine if and at which locations attractive mine sites occur in USA-I. This allows survey operations and upgrading of the mine ship and equipment to be delayed until Phase II when detailed ore body delineation occurs in conjunctions with the initiation of scale-up pilot plant operations.

This revision requests an extension of the term of the license until 2005 and proposes to extend Phase I for five years and to delay the initiation of the survey operations, ore body delineation and upgrade ship and equipment activities of Phase II. During the five-year extension, OMCO will monitor domestic and international activities in the scientific, engineering, and financial fields that are important to the future development of ocean mining. This will help to maintain industry viability and provide information necessary to assess the timeliness for inauguration of Phase II. OMCO will also continue to monitor new environmental studies and data collection.

Subject to 15 CFR 971.802, interested persons will be permitted to examine the application for extension at the below listed address.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the application should do so by February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, tel. 301-713-3155 extension 195, e-mail john.king@noaa.gov.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint 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 29, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported during the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Pursuant to the provisions of the ATC, the third stage of the integration of textile and apparel products into the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will take place on January 1, 2002 (see 60 FR 21075, published on May 1, 1995). Accordingly, certain previously restrained categories have been modified or eliminated and certain limits have been revised. Integrated products will no longer be subject to quota.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2002 limits. These limits have been increased, variously, for adjustments permitted under the flexibility provisions of the ATC.

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). Information regarding the 2002 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register**.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 29, 2001.

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, 2002, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2002 and extending through December 31, 2002, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Group I	
200-220, 224-227, 300-326, 360-363, 369(1) ¹ , 369pt. ² , 400-414, 469pt. ³ , 603, 604, 611-620, 624-629 and 666pt. ⁴ , as a group.	172,957,184 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
219	49,169,630 square meters.
218/225/317/326	81,007,688 square meters of which not more than 4,461,587 square meters shall be in Category 218(1) ⁵ (yarn dyed fabric other than denim and jacquard).
611	7,752,255 square meters.
617	4,891,128 square meters.
Group I subgroup	
200, 226/313, 314, 315, 369(1) and 604, as a group.	132,355,033 square meters equivalent.
Within Group I subgroup	
200	423,920 kilograms.
226/313	88,199,757 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
314	23,786,416 square meters
315	11,760,084 square meters.
369(1) (shoptowels)	966,440 kilograms.
604	290,994 kilograms.
Group II	
237, 239pt. ⁶ , 332-348, 351, 352, 359(1) ⁷ , 359(2) ⁸ , 359pt. ⁹ , 433-438, 440-448, 459pt. ¹⁰ , 633-648, 651, 652, 659(1) ¹¹ , 659(2) ¹² , 659pt. ¹³ , and 443/444/643/644(1), as a group.	894,539,952 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II	
237	1,421,853 dozen.
331pt. ¹⁴	1,596,885 dozen pairs.
333/334	335,135 dozen.
335	355,572 dozen.
338/339 ¹⁵ (shirts and blouses other than tank tops and tops, knit).	3,022,255 dozen.
338/339(1) ¹⁶ (tank tops and knit tops).	2,270,635 dozen.
340	2,894,127 dozen.
345	509,794 dozen.
347/348	7,007,815 dozen of which not more than 6,917,815 dozen shall be in Categories 347-W/348-W ¹⁷ ; and not more than 5,242,583 dozen shall be in Category 348-W.
352	8,363,147 dozen.
359(1) (coveralls, overalls and jumpsuits).	712,967 kilograms.
359(2) (vests)	1,485,971 kilograms.
433	11,176 dozen.
434	11,996 dozen.
435	79,563 dozen.
436	103,627 dozen.
438	851,068 dozen.
442	99,127 dozen.
443	65,381 numbers.
444	44,887 numbers.
445/446	1,406,700 dozen.
447/448	70,743 dozen.
631pt. ¹⁸	145,526 dozen pairs.
633/634/635	1,503,252 dozen of which not more than 562,250 dozen shall be in Categories 633/634; and not more than 1,154,327 dozen shall be in Category 635.
638/639	5,073,739 dozen.
641	876,720 dozen.
644	53,524 numbers.
645/646	1,390,617 dozen.
647	656,465 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
648	1,249,850 dozen of which not more than 1,235,060 dozen shall be in Category 648-W ¹⁹
652	5,737,511 dozen.
659(1) (coveralls, overalls and jumpsuits).	788,016 kilograms.
659(2) (swimsuits) ...	333,759 kilograms.
443/444/643/644(1) (made-to-measure suits).	62,109 numbers.
Group II subgroup	
336, 341, 342, 351, 636, 640, 642 and 651, as a group.	165,774,989 square meters equivalent.
Within Group II subgroup	
336	274,617 dozen.
341	2,929,522 dozen.
342	623,158 dozen.
351	1,237,298 dozen.
636	369,586 dozen.
640	1,110,296 dozen.
642	293,909 dozen.
651	400,253 dozen.
Group III—only 852 ...	10,686,085 square meters equivalent.
Limits not in a group	
845(1) ²⁰ (sweaters made in Hong Kong).	1,136,476 dozen.
845(2) ²¹ (sweaters assembled in Hong Kong from knit-to-shape components, knit elsewhere).	2,720,291 dozen.
846(1) ²² (sweaters made in Hong Kong).	183,779 dozen.
846(2) ²³ (sweaters assembled in Hong Kong from knit-to-shape components, knit elsewhere).	442,838 dozen.

¹Category 369(1): only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

²Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500, 4202.22.8030, 4202.32.4000, 4202.32.9530, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091, 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, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020, 5805.00.3000, 5807.10.0510, 5807.90.0510, 6301.30.0010, 6302.51.1000, 6302.51.2000, 6302.51.3000, 6302.51.4000, 6302.60.0010, 6302.60.0030, 6302.91.0005, 6302.91.0025, 6302.91.0045, 6302.91.0050, 6302.91.0060, 6303.11.0000, 6303.91.0010, 6303.91.0020, 6303.91.0030, 6303.91.0040, 6303.91.0050, 6304.91.0020, 6304.92.0000, 6305.20.0000, 6306.11.0000, 6307.10.1020, 6307.10.1090, 6307.90.3010, 6307.90.4010, 6307.90.5010, 6307.90.8910, 6307.90.8945, 6307.90.9905, 6307.90.9982, 6406.10.7700, 9404.90.1000, 9404.90.8040, 9404.90.9505 and HTS number in 369(1).

³ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010, 6304.19.3040, 6304.91.0050, 6304.99.1500, 6304.99.6010, 6308.00.0010 and 6406.10.9020.

⁴ Category 666pt.: all HTS numbers except 5805.00.4010, 6301.10.0000, 6301.40.0010, 6301.40.0020, 6301.90.0010, 6302.53.0010, 6302.53.0020, 6302.53.0030, 6302.93.1000, 6302.93.2000, 6303.12.0000, 6303.19.0010, 6303.92.1000, 6303.92.2010, 6303.92.2020, 6303.99.0010, 6304.11.2000, 6304.19.1500, 6304.19.2000, 6304.91.0040, 6304.93.0000, 6304.99.6020, 6307.90.9984, 9404.90.8522 and 9404.90.9522.

⁵ Category 218(1): all HTS numbers except 5209.42.0060, 5209.42.0080, 5211.42.0060, 5211.42.0080, 5514.32.0015 and 5516.43.0015.

⁶ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁷ Category 359(1): 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.

⁸ Category 359(2): only HTS numbers 6103.19.2030, 6103.19.9030, 6104.12.0040, 6104.19.8040, 6110.20.1022, 6110.20.1024, 6110.20.2030, 6110.20.2035, 6110.90.9044, 6110.90.9046, 6201.92.2010, 6202.92.2020, 6203.19.1030, 6203.19.9030, 6204.12.0040, 6204.19.8040, 6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070.

⁹ Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.19.8010, 6117.10.6010, 6117.20.9010, 6203.22.1000, 6204.22.1000, 6212.90.0010, 6214.90.0010, 6406.99.1550, 6505.90.1525, 6505.90.1540, 6505.90.2060, 6505.90.2545 and HTS numbers in 359(1) and 359(2).

¹⁰ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.19.8020, 6117.10.1000, 6117.10.2010, 6117.20.9020, 6212.90.0020, 6214.20.0000, 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505, 6406.99.1560.

¹¹ Category 659(1): only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 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.

¹² Category 659(2): only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹³ Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6115.11.0010, 6115.12.2000, 6117.10.2030, 6117.20.9030, 6212.90.0030, 6214.30.0000, 6214.40.0000, 6406.99.1510, 6406.99.1540 and HTS numbers in 659(1) and 659(2).

¹⁴ Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1720, 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.5510, 6116.10.7510, 6116.92.6410, 6116.92.6420, 6116.92.6430, 6116.92.6440, 6116.92.7450, 6116.92.7460, 6116.92.7470, 6116.92.8800, 6116.92.9400 and 6116.99.9510.

¹⁵ Categories 338/339: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0018, 6109.10.0023, 6109.10.0060, 6109.10.0065, 6114.20.0005 and 6114.20.0010.

¹⁶ Category 338/339(1): only HTS numbers 6109.10.0018, 6109.10.0023, 6109.10.0060, 6109.10.0065, 6114.20.0005 and 6114.20.0010.

¹⁷ Category 347-W: only HTS numbers 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3030, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.42.4050, 6203.42.4060, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348-W: only HTS numbers 6204.19.8030, 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.22.3050, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.62.4050, 6204.62.4065, 6204.69.6010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

¹⁸ Category 631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730, 6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520, 6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.4800, 6116.99.5400 and 6116.99.9530.

¹⁹ Category 648-W: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0040, 6204.23.0045, 6204.29.2020, 6204.29.2025, 6204.29.4038, 6204.63.2000, 6204.63.3000, 6204.63.3510, 6204.63.3530, 6204.63.3532, 6204.63.3540, 6204.69.2510, 6204.69.2530, 6204.69.2540, 6204.69.2560, 6204.69.6030, 6204.69.9030, 6211.20.1555, 6211.20.6820, 6211.43.0040 and 6217.90.9060.

²⁰ Category 845(1): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2074, 6104.29.2079, 6110.90.9024, 6110.90.9042 and 6117.90.9015.

²¹ Category 845(2): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2070, 6104.29.2077, 6110.90.9022 and 6110.90.9040.

²² Category 846(1): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2068, 6104.29.2075, 6110.90.9020 and 6110.90.9038.

²³ Category 846(2): only HTS numbers 6103.29.2066, 6104.29.2073, 6110.90.9018 and 6110.90.9036.

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 2001 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 28, 2000) 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.

Products to be integrated into the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 on January 1, 2002 (listed in the Federal Register notice published on May 1, 1995, 60 FR 21075) which are exported during 2001 shall be charged to the applicable 2001 limits to the extent of any unfilled balances. After January 1, 2002, should those 2001 limits be filled, such products shall no longer be charged to any limit.

The conversion factors for merged Categories 333/334, 633/634/635 and 638/639 are 33, 33.90 and 13, respectively. The conversion factor for Category 239pt. is 8.79.

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 and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

November 29, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 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.ustreas.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 limit for Category 335 is being increased for special swing from Group II, reducing the limit for Group II to account for the special swing being applied to Category 335.

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