

manufactured in Pakistan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on November 6, 2002, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit <sup>1</sup>
Specific limits	
219 .....	13,091,616 square meters.
226/313 .....	155,373,925 square meters.
237 .....	355,050 dozen.
239pt. <sup>2</sup> .....	800,878 kilograms.
315 .....	116,779,952 square meters.
331pt./631pt. <sup>3</sup> .....	1,059,992 dozen pairs.
335/635 .....	657,825 dozen.
340/640 .....	1,135,072 dozen of which not more than 515,830 dozen shall be in Categories 340-D/640-D <sup>4</sup> .
341/641 .....	1,381,384 dozen.
359-C/659-C <sup>5</sup> .....	1,242,728 kilograms.
625/626/627/628/629 .....	96,051,811 square meters of which not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 625; not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 626; not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 627; not more than 12,634,885 square meters shall be in Category 628; and not more than 61,068,605 square meters shall be in Category 629.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

<sup>3</sup> 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; 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.

<sup>4</sup> Category 340-D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030; Category 640-D: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030.

<sup>5</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.

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

October 31, 2002.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 6, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, 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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://www.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 Categories 351/651 is being increased for swing.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also

see 66 FR 63036, published on December 4, 2001.

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

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 31, 2002.

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 27, 2001, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on November 6, 2002, you are directed to increase the current limit for Categories 351/651 in Group II to 399,933 dozen <sup>1</sup>, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs

<sup>1</sup> The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

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

### Determination under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

October 31, 2002.

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

**ACTION:** Determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements  
(CITA) has determined that handloomed  
fabric and handmade articles made from  
such handloomed fabric that are  
produced in and exported from  
Botswana qualify for preferential  
treatment under Section 112(a) of the  
African Growth and Opportunity Act.  
Therefore, imports of eligible products  
from Botswana with an appropriate  
AGOA Visa will qualify for duty-free  
treatment under the AGOA.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 18, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Anna Flaaten, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482-3400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
African Growth and Opportunity Act  
(Title I of the Trade and Development  
Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-  
2000)(AGOA) provides preferential tariff  
treatment for imports of certain textile  
and apparel products of beneficiary sub-  
Saharan African countries. In a letter to  
the Commissioner of Customs dated  
January 18, 2001, the United States  
Trade Representative directed Customs  
to require that importers provide an  
appropriate export visa from a  
beneficiary sub-Saharan African country  
to obtain preferential treatment under  
section 112(a) of the AGOA (66 FR  
7837). The first digit of the visa number  
corresponds to one of 9 groupings of  
textile and apparel products that are  
eligible for preferential tariff treatment.  
Grouping "9" is reserved for Handmade,  
handloomed, or folklore articles.

In Section 2 of Executive Order 13191  
of January 17, 2001, CITA is authorized  
to "consult with beneficiary sub-  
Saharan African countries and to  
determine which, if any, particular

textile and apparel goods shall be  
treated as being handloomed,  
handmade, or folklore articles" (66 FR  
7272). Consultations were held on  
October 9, 2002, and CITA has now  
determined that handloomed fabrics  
and handmade articles made from such  
handloomed fabrics produced in and  
exported from Botswana are eligible for  
preferential tariff treatment under  
section 112(a) of the AGOA. In the letter  
published below, CITA directs the  
Commissioner of Customs to allow entry  
of such products of Botswana under  
Harmonized Tariff Schedule provision  
9819.11.27, when accompanied by an  
appropriate export visa in grouping "9."

**James C. Leonard III,**  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.*

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 31, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC  
20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Department of the  
Treasury, Washington, DC 20229. Dear  
Commissioner: The Committee for the  
Implementation of Textiles Agreements  
(CITA), pursuant to Sections 112(a) of the  
African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I  
of Pub. L. No. 106-200) (AGOA) and  
Executive Order 13101 of January 17, 2001,  
has determined that, effective on November  
18, 2002 handloomed fabric produced in  
Botswana and handmade articles produced  
in Botswana from such handloomed fabric  
shall be treated as being handloomed,  
handmade, or folklore articles under the  
AGOA, and that an export visa issued by the  
Government of Botswana for Grouping "9" is  
a certification by the Government of  
Botswana that the article is handloomed,  
handmade, or folklore. CITA directs you to  
permit duty-free entry of such articles  
accompanied by the appropriate visa and  
entered under heading 9819.11.27 of the  
Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United  
States.

Sincerely,  
James C. Leonard III,  
*Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Fiscal Year 2003 Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Updates

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of DRG revised rates.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes the  
changes made to the TRICARE DRG-  
based payment system in order to  
conform to changes made to the  
Medicare Prospective Payment System  
(PPS).

It also provides the updated fixed loss  
cost outlier threshold, cost-to-charge  
ratios and the Internet address for  
accessing the updated adjusted  
standardized amounts and DRG relative  
weights to be used for FY 2003 under  
the TRICARE DRG-based payment  
system.

**DATES:** The rates, weights and Medicare  
PPS changes which affect the TRICARE  
DRG-based payment system contained  
in this notice are effective for  
admissions occurring on or after  
October 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** TRICARE Management  
Activity (TMA), Medical Benefits and  
Reimbursement Systems, 16401 East  
Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-  
9066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Marty Maxey, Medical Benefits and  
Reimbursement Systems, TMA,  
telephone (303) 676-3627.

Questions regarding payment of  
specific claims under the TRICARE  
DRG-based payment system should be  
addressed to the appropriate contractor.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The final  
rule published on September 1, 1987 (52  
FR 32992) set forth the basic procedures  
used under the CHAMPUS DRG-based  
payment system. This was subsequently  
amended by final rules published  
August 31, 1988 (53 FR 33461), October  
21, 1988 (53 FR 41331), December 16,  
1988 (53 FR 50515), May 30, 1990 (55  
FR 21863), October 22, 1990 (55 FR  
42560), and September 10, 1998 (63 FR  
48439).

An explicit tenet of these final rules,  
and one based on the statute authorizing  
the use of DRGs by TRICARE, is that the  
TRICARE DRG-based payment system is  
modeled on the Medicare PPS, and that,  
whenever practicable, the TRICARE  
system will follow the same rules that  
apply to the Medicare PPS. The Centers  
for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
(CMS) publishes these changes annually  
in the **Federal Register** and discusses in  
detail the impact of the changes.

In addition, this notice updates the  
rates and weights in accordance with  
our previous final rules. The actual  
changes we are making, along with a  
description of their relationship to the  
Medicare PPS, are detailed below.