

Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on October 9, 2002; October 23, 2002; and February 7, 2003 by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. These directives concern imports of certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003.

Effective on June 13, 2003, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories to reflect Macedonia's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category  | adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------|--|
| 433 ..... | 28,429 dozen.                            |
| 434 ..... | 11,417 dozen.                            |
| 435 ..... | 31,163 dozen.                            |
| 443 ..... | 181,069 numbers.                         |
| 448 ..... | 65,064 dozen.                            |

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,  
James C. Leonard III,  
*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 Malaysia**

June 9, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 13, 2003.

**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 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, 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 adjusted, variously, for swing, special swing, special shift, carryover, carryforward, and carryforward used.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 63896, published on October 16 2002.

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

June 9, 2003.

Commissioner,  
*Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,*  
*Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 9, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on June 13, 2003, you are directed to adjust the 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> |
|--|--|
| Fabric Group<br>218-220, 225-227,<br>313-326, 611-O <sup>2</sup> ,<br>613/614/615/617,<br>619 and 620, as a<br>group | 193,066,083 square<br>meters equivalent. |
| Other specific limits  |  |
| 237 .....  | 608,922 dozen.                           |
| 300/301 .....  | 5,682,835 kilograms.                     |
| 338/339 .....  | 2,146,105 dozen.                         |
| 340/640 .....  | 2,190,188 dozen.                         |

| Category  | Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>  |
|---|---|
| 341/641 .....   | 2,760,483 dozen of<br>which not more than<br>1,026,503 dozen<br>shall be in Category<br>341.  |
| 347/348 .....   | 1,074,332 dozen.  |
| 351/651 .....   | 496,069 dozen.  |
| 604 .....   | 1,811,407 kilograms.  |
| 638/639 .....   | 973,052 dozen.  |
| 645/646 .....   | 496,865 dozen.  |
| 647/648 .....   | 2,726,277 dozen of<br>which not more than<br>1,993,206 dozen<br>shall be in Category<br>647-K <sup>3</sup> and not<br>more than 1,993,206<br>dozen shall be in<br>Category 648-K <sup>4</sup> |
| Group II<br>201, 224, 239pt <sup>5</sup> ,<br>332, 352, 359pt. <sup>6</sup> ,<br>360-362, 369pt. <sup>7</sup> ,<br>400-414, 433,<br>434, 436, 438-O <sup>8</sup> ,<br>440, 443, 444,<br>447, 448, 459pt. <sup>9</sup> ,<br>469pt. <sup>10</sup> , 603,<br>618, 624-629,<br>633, 643, 644,<br>652, 659pt. <sup>11</sup> ,<br>666pt. <sup>12</sup> , 845, 846<br>and 852, as a<br>group | 35,240,443 square<br>meters equivalent.   |

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Category 611-O: all HTS numbers except 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025 and 5516.14.0085.

<sup>3</sup> Category 647-K: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0040, 6103.23.0045, 6103.29.1020, 6103.29.1030, 6103.43.1520, 6103.43.1540, 6103.43.1550, 6103.43.1570, 6103.49.1020, 6103.49.1060, 6103.49.8014, 6112.12.0050, 6112.19.1050, 6112.20.1060 and 6113.00.9044.

<sup>4</sup> Category 648-K: only HTS numbers 6104.23.0032, 6104.23.0034, 6104.29.1030, 6104.29.1040, 6104.29.2038, 6104.63.2006, 6104.63.2011, 6104.63.2026, 6104.63.2028, 6104.63.2030, 6104.63.2060, 6104.69.2030, 6104.69.2060, 6104.69.8026, 6112.12.0060, 6112.19.1060, 6112.20.1070, 6113.00.9052 and 6117.90.9070.

<sup>5</sup> Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

<sup>6</sup> 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 and 6505.90.2545.

<sup>7</sup> Category 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, 4202.92.0505,  
 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,  
 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020,  
 5805.00.3000, 5807.10.0510, 5807.90.0510,  
 6301.30.0010, 6301.30.0020, 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, 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,  
 6307.90.9882, 6406.10.7700, 9404.90.1000,  
 9404.90.8040 and 9404.90.9505.

<sup>8</sup> Category 438-O: only HTS numbers  
 6103.21.0050, 6103.23.0025, 6105.20.1000,  
 6105.90.1000, 6105.90.8020, 6109.90.1520,  
 6110.11.0070, 6110.12.2070, 6110.19.0070,  
 6110.30.1550, 6110.90.9072, 6114.10.0020  
 and 6117.90.9025.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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 and  
 6406.99.1540.

<sup>12</sup> 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, 6307.90.9884, 9404.90.8522  
 and 9404.90.9522.

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,

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Denial of Commercial Availability Request under the United States - African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

June 10, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Denial of the request alleging  
 that certain cotton velvet fabrics, for use

in apparel articles, cannot be supplied  
 by the domestic industry in commercial  
 quantities in a timely manner under the  
 AGOA.

**SUMMARY:** On April 8, 2003 the  
 Chairman of CITA received a petition  
 from Crystal Apparel Limited, of Hong  
 Kong and Sinotex Mauritius Limited in  
 Mauritius alleging that certain light- and  
 medium-weight dyed cotton warp pile  
 velvet fabrics (see Annex I for product  
 specifications) classified in subheading  
 5801.25.00 of the Harmonized Tariff  
 Schedule of the United States (HTSUS),  
 for use in apparel articles including  
 men's and boys' jackets and pants,  
 women's and girls' jackets, dresses,  
 skirts, shorts, and pants, cannot be  
 supplied by the domestic industry in  
 commercial quantities in a timely  
 manner and requesting that apparel of  
 such fabrics be eligible for preferential  
 treatment under the AGOA. Based on  
 currently available information, CITA  
 has determined that these subject fabrics  
 can be supplied by the domestic  
 industry in commercial quantities in a  
 timely manner and therefore denies the  
 request.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 112 (b)(5)(B) of the  
 AGOA, Section 1 of the Executive Order No.  
 13191 of January 17, 2001.

#### BACKGROUND:

The AGOA provides for quota- and  
 duty-free treatment for qualifying textile  
 and apparel products. Such treatment is  
 generally limited to products  
 manufactured from yarns and fabrics  
 formed in the United States or a  
 beneficiary country. The AGOA also  
 provides for quota- and duty-free  
 treatment for apparel articles that are  
 both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or  
 otherwise assembled in one or more  
 AGOA beneficiary countries from fabric  
 or yarn that is not formed in the United  
 States or a beneficiary country, if it has  
 been determined that such fabric or yarn  
 cannot be supplied by the domestic  
 industry in commercial quantities in a  
 timely manner. Pursuant to Executive  
 Order No. 13191, the President's  
 authority to determine whether yarns or  
 fabrics cannot be supplied by the  
 domestic industry in commercial  
 quantities in a timely manner under the  
 AGOA is exercised by CITA.

On April 8, the Chairman of CITA  
 received a petition from Crystal Apparel  
 Limited, of Hong Kong and Sinotex  
 Mauritius Limited, in Mauritius alleging  
 that certain light- and medium-weight

dyed cotton warp pile velvet fabrics (see  
 Annex I for product specifications),  
 classified in subheading 5801.25.00 of  
 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the  
 United States (HTSUS), for use in  
 apparel articles including men's and  
 boys' jackets and pants, women's and  
 girls' jackets, dresses, skirts, shorts, and  
 pants, cannot be supplied by the  
 domestic industry in commercial  
 quantities in a timely manner. The  
 petitioner requested quota- and duty-  
 free treatment under the AGOA for  
 apparel articles that are both cut and  
 sewn in one or more AGOA beneficiary  
 countries from such fabrics.

On April 14, 2003, CITA solicited  
 public comments regarding this request,  
 particularly with respect to whether  
 these fabrics can be supplied by the  
 domestic industry in commercial  
 quantities in a timely manner. On April  
 30, 2003, CITA and the Office of the  
 U.S. Trade Representative offered to  
 hold consultations with the relevant  
 Congressional committees. We also  
 requested the advice of the U.S.  
 International Trade Commission and the  
 relevant Industry Sector Advisory  
 Committees.

CITA has determined that certain  
 light- and medium-weight dyed cotton  
 warp pile velvet fabrics, classified in  
 subheading 5801.25.00 of the  
 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the  
 United States (HTSUS), for use in  
 apparel articles including men's and  
 boys' jackets and pants, women's and  
 girls' jackets, dresses, skirts, shorts, and  
 pants, can be supplied by the domestic  
 industry in commercial quantities in a  
 timely manner. Crystal Apparel Limited  
 and Sinotex Mauritius Limited's request  
 is denied.

#### Annex 1

##### Product Specifications:

- Name: light-weight dyed warp pile velvet  
 HTS subheading: 5801.25.00  
 Fiber Composition: 100 percent combed cotton  
 Yarn: 230 g/m2 to 260 g/m2  
 Construction:  
     Woven Fabric - 96 x 98  
     Warp - 42/2 ply + 42/2 ply  
     Weft - 32 single yarn  
  
     Woven Fabric - 96 x 102  
     Warp - 42/2 ply + 60/2 ply  
     Weft - 32 single yarn
- Name: medium-weight dyed warp pile velvet  
 HTS subheading: 5801.25.00  
 Fiber Composition: 97 to 98 percent cotton, up to  
 3 percent spandex yarn  
 Yarn: 280 g/m2 to 330 g/m2  
 Construction:  
     Woven Fabric - 110 x 84  
     Warp - 42/2 ply + 50/2 ply  
     Weft - 30 single yarn + 40 denier spandex  
  
     Woven Fabric - 126 x 84  
     Warp - 42/2 ply + 50/2 ply  
     Weft - 30 single yarn + 40 denier spandex