

additional charge of \$2.50. Special packaging is also required for these shipments. According to DG Supplies Inc., a supplier of infectious and diagnostic goods packaging, frozen infectious shippers are estimated to cost \$141.80 per package for specimen

shipments requiring refrigeration or dry ice. Therefore, postage costs average \$279.30 per shipment, for a total cost to all the respondents of \$977,550. The postage cost for a depository seeking recognition is estimated to be \$3.85, sent to the USPTO by priority mail

through the United States Postal Service. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total non-hour respondent cost burden in the form of postage costs amounts to \$977,551.

Item	Responses (a)	Postage costs (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (a) × (b)
Deposited Materials .....	3,500	\$279.30	\$977,550.00
Depository Approval .....	0.25	3.85	1.00
Total .....	3,501	.....	977,551.00

The USPTO estimates that the total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of capital start-up costs (\$1,460) and postage costs (\$977,551) amounts to \$979,011.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

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#### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

##### Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Malaysia

August 29, 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:** September 5, 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 shift and carryover.

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

August 29, 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 September 5, 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>
Other specific limits	
333/334/335 .....	506,699 dozen of which not more than 263,719 dozen shall be in Category 333.
342/642 .....	762,634 dozen.
345 .....	296,802 dozen.
634/635 .....	1,451,092 dozen.
645/646 .....	513,885 dozen.
647/648 .....	3,039,496 dozen of which not more than 2,212,459 dozen shall be in Category 647-K <sup>2</sup> and not more than 2,212,459 dozen shall be in Category 648-K <sup>3</sup>

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