

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

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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

October 14, 2003.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2004.

**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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection 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, 2004 through December 31, 2004 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, to establish the 2004 limits. These limits have been adjusted, variously, pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body. These limits are subject to further adjustment pursuant to these provisions. However, as the ATC and all restrictions thereunder will terminate on January 1, 2005, no adjustment for carryforward (borrowing from next year's limits for use in the

current year) has been made nor will such an adjustment be available in the future.

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). Information regarding the 2004 Correlation will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 14, 2003.

Commissioner,  
*Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,*  
*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, 2004, 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, 2004 and extending through December 31, 2004, 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) <sup>1</sup> , 369pt. <sup>2</sup> , 400-414, 469pt. <sup>3</sup> , 603, 604, 611-620, 624-629 and 666pt. <sup>4</sup> , as a group.	181,028,517 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
218/225/317/326 .....	84,752,686 square meters of which not more than 4,667,846 square meters shall be in Category 218(1) <sup>5</sup> (yarn dyed fabric other than denim and jacquard).
219 .....	53,307,547 square meters.
611 .....	8,404,654 square meters.
617 .....	5,302,747 square meters.
Group I subgroup	
200, 226/313, 314, 315, 369(1) and 604, as a group .....	142,861,341 square meters equivalent.
Within Group I subgroup	
200 .....	459,597 kilograms.
226/313 .....	95,622,293 square meters.
314 .....	25,788,184 square meters.
315 .....	12,749,766 square meters.
369(1) (shoptowels) .....	1,047,772 kilograms.
604 .....	315,482 kilograms.
Group II	
237, 239pt. <sup>6</sup> , 331pt. <sup>7</sup> 332-348, 351, 352, 359(1) <sup>8</sup> , 359(2) <sup>9</sup> , 359pt. <sup>10</sup> , 433-438, 440-448, 459pt. <sup>11</sup> , 631pt. <sup>12</sup> 633-648, 651, 652, 659(1) <sup>13</sup> , 659(2) <sup>14</sup> , 659pt. <sup>15</sup> , and 443/444/643/644(1), as a group.	936,285,136 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II	
237 .....	1,541,510 dozen.
331pt. ....	1,640,761 dozen pairs.
333/334 .....	350,628 dozen.
335 .....	358,766 dozen.
338/339 <sup>16</sup> (shirts and blouses other than tank tops and tops, knit) .....	3,049,398 dozen.
338/339(1) <sup>17</sup> (tank tops and knit tops) .....	2,291,027 dozen.