COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Extension of Staged Entry Period for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Apparel Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

June 12, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending earlier directives with respect to textile products from China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 14, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

At the request of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, a notice published in the Federal Register on May 17, 1996 (61 FR 24919) amended previous directives which established limits for certain textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported during 1996. (Also see 61 FR 25000, published on May 17, 1996.)

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has decided to extend the staged entry period of certain goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China for an additional 30-day period beginning on June 14, 1996.

This action is being taken to facilitate implementation of a further request to CITA from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in accordance with section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Troy H. Cribb.

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 12, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on November 30, 1995 and December 13, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA). Those directives concern imports of certain silk apparel and certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported from China during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996.

The above directives are hereby amended to the extent necessary to facilitate implementation of the directive of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to the Commissioner of Customs regarding textile products from China dated June 12, 1996, issued pursuant to section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. For your information, entry of the following categories of textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China, is hereby limited, over the 30-day period (commencing with exports from China on or after June 14, 1996) to the following amounts:

Category	Amount to be entered
Sublevels in Group I	
218	1,631,752 square me- ters.
317/326	2,961,510 square me- ters.
338/339	355,559 dozen.
341	97,889 dozen.
347/348	360,698 dozen.
352	270,175 dozen.
359–V ¹	122,273 kilograms.
360	1,076,438 numbers.
361	601,945 numbers.
447	11,595 dozen.
448	3,259 dozen.
638/639	354,776 dozen.
641	194,097 dozen.
642	45,002 dozen.
647	226,428 dozen.
648	161,781 dozen.
649	131,463 dozen.
650	16,367 dozen.
652	376,963 dozen.
659–S ²	87,044 kilograms.
840	69,473 dozen.
842	38,367 dozen.
847	183,392 dozen.

Category	Amount to be entered
Silk Apparel Group 733, 734, 735, 736, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 750, 751, 752, 758 and 759, as a group. Specific Limit within Group	51,915,694 square meters equivalent.
740 (Men's and boys' shirts, not knit).	495,543 dozen.
741 (Women's and girls' shirts/ blouses, not knit).	1,236,580 dozen.

¹Category 359–V: 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.

²Category 659–S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

Goods exported in excess of the amounts allowed during the previous 30-day staged entry period, beginning on May 15, 1996 and extending through June 13, 1996 (see letter dated May 15, 1996) may be entered during the June 14, 1996 through July 13, 1996 period.

Textile products in the above group and categories will be sublimits to the calendar year limits for the same group and categories established in the directives dated November 30, 1995 and December 13, 1995.

Categories 740 and 741 will be subject to specific limits for the June 14, 1996 through July 13, 1996 period, and subject to the Silk Group limit for the same period. The June 14, 1996 through July 13, 1996 period for the Silk Group, however, shall be a sublevel of the Silk Group for the 1996 calendar year. Charges for the 1996 calendar year limits for Categories 740 and 741 will be provided by CITA for goods exported during the June 14, 1996 through July 13, 1996 period.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Establishment and Amendment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

June 11, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 17, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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 or call (202) 927–5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482–3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The Governments of the United States and the Kingdom of Nepal agreed to amend and extend their current bilateral agreement for three additional years, until December 31, 2000. The two governments agreed to establish a limit for merged Categories 342/642 and to increase the 1996 base limit for Categories 336/636.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish a limit for newly merged Categories 342/ 642 for the period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996 and to increase the current limit for Categories 336/636.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 62410, published on December 6, 1995; and 60 FR 66269, published on December 21, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the bilateral agreement, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile

Agreements

June 11, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive cancels, effective on June 17, 1996, the directive issued to you on December 15, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA), which directed you to count imports for consumption and withdrawals from warehouse for consumption of textile products in Category 642 produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the period November 28, 1995 through November 27, 1996. Import charges already made to Category 642 shall be retained.

This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 29, 1995, by the Chairman of CITA. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on June 17, 1996, you are directed, pursuant to exchange of notes dated April 18, 1996 and April 30, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and the Kingdom of Nepal, to establish a limit for newly merged Categories 342/642 and increase the current limit for Categories 336/ 636 for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, as follows:

Category	Twelve-month limit 1
342/642	262,764 dozen.
336/636	208,450 dozen.

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

Adjustment to import charges for Category 642 will be provided at a later date.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-408-010]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 11, 1996.

Take notice that on June 5, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, to be effective June 6, 1996:

Third Revised Sheet No. 374 Second Revised Sheet No. 385

Columbia states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the tariff changes directed to be made in Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., 75 FERC ¶ 61,199 (1996). In compliance with that order, and as further explained in Columbia's filing, Columbia is making tariff changes to allow for certain permissible cost-free inventory transfers among SIT service agreements; to incorporate procedures for posting information concerning any grant of emergency relief from interruption in the event of a firm capacity curtailment on Columbia's system (Section 16.5 of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC)); to provide for the maintenance and availability of information on such grants of relief; and to extend assessment of the \$25 per dekatherm penalty in GTC section 16.5 to parties receiving such emergency relief on the basis of materially false representations.

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, affected state commissions and interruptible customers that have made a standing request for service of filings.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public