

Announcement of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Taiwan

November 4, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, 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) 927-6718. 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).

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated December 29, 1995, between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) establishes limits for the period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish limits for the 1997 period.

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). Information regarding the 1997 CORRELATION will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

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 MOU, 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.

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Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated December 29, 1995 between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1997, 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 Taiwan and exported during the twelve-month period which begins on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997, in excess of the following restraint limits:

Category	Twelve-month limit
Group I	
200-224, 225/317/326, 226, 227, 229, 300/301/607, 313-315, 360-363, 369-L/670-L/870 ¹ , 369-S ² , 369-O ³ , 400-414, 464-469, 600-606, 611, 613/614/615/617, 618, 619/620, 621-624, 625/626/627/628/629, 665, 666, 669-P ⁴ , 669-T ⁵ , 669-O ⁶ , 670-H ⁷ and 670-O ⁸ , as a group.	567,376,404 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
218	20,616,982 square meters.
225/317/326	36,595,088 square meters.
226	6,640,840 square meters.
300/301/607	1,664,768 kilograms of which not more than 1,387,306 kilograms shall be in Category 300; not more than 1,387,306 kilograms shall be in Category 301; and not more than 1,387,306 kilograms shall be in Category 607.
363	12,025,574 numbers.
369-L/670-L/870	47,096,112 kilograms.
611	2,971,715 square meters.
613/614/615/617	18,430,280 square meters.
619/620	13,546,541 square meters.
625/626/627/628/629.	17,627,250 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month limit
669-P	320,457 kilograms.
669-T	1,041,554 kilograms.
670-H	18,034,365 kilograms.
Group I subgroup	
200, 219, 313, 314, 315, 361, 369-S and 604, as a group.	138,884,795 square meters equivalent.
Within Group I subgroup	
200	666,174 kilograms.
219	15,161,456 square meters.
313	65,338,232 square meters.
314	27,006,573 square meters.
315	20,693,916 square meters.
361	1,338,197 numbers.
369-S	480,357 kilograms.
604	222,156 kilograms.
Group II	
237, 239, 330-332, 333/334/335, 336, 338/339, 340-345, 347/348, 349, 350/650, 351, 352/652, 353, 354, 359-C/659-C ⁹ , 359-H/659-H ¹⁰ , 359-O ¹¹ , 431-444, 445/446, 447/448, 459, 630-632, 633/634/635, 636, 638/639, 640, 641-644, 645/646, 647/648, 649, 651, 653, 654, 659-S ¹² , 659-O ¹³ , 831-844 and 846-859, as a group.	755,000,000 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II	
237	650,860 dozen.
239	5,549,224 kilograms.
331	504,692 dozen pairs.
336	110,888 dozen.
338/339	771,648 dozen.
340	1,117,793 dozen.
345	115,865 dozen.
347/348	1,064,931 dozen of which not more than 1,064,931 dozen shall be in Categories 347-W/348-W ¹⁴ .
352/652	2,941,976 dozen.
359-C/659-C	1,447,633 kilograms.
359-H/659-H	4,771,565 kilograms.
433	14,940 dozen.
434	10,374 dozen.
435	24,633 dozen.
436	4,904 dozen.
438	27,683 dozen.
440	5,362 dozen.
442	43,651 dozen.
443	41,828 numbers.
444	59,571 numbers.
445/446	134,747 dozen.
631	4,772,364 dozen pairs.

Category	Twelve-month limit
633/634/635	1,634,440 dozen of which not more than 959,317 dozen shall be in Categories 633/634 and not more than 850,077 dozen shall be in Category 635.
638/639	6,565,058 dozen.
640	1,058,909 dozen of which not more than 281,710 dozen shall be in Category 640—Y ¹⁵ .
642	777,133 dozen.
643	497,773 numbers.
644	706,085 numbers.
645/646	4,107,691 dozen.
647/648	5,248,544 dozen of which not more than 5,248,544 dozen shall be in Categories 647—W/648—W ¹⁶ .
659—S	1,601,702 kilograms.
835	18,556 dozen.
Group II Subgroup	
333/334/335, 341, 342, 350/650, 351, 447/448, 636, 641 and 651, as a group.	75,332,954 square meters equivalent.
Within Group II Subgroup	
333/334/335	285,284 dozen of which not more than 154,529 dozen shall be in Category 335.
341	336,546 dozen.
342	210,242 dozen.
350/650	134,018 dozen.
351	349,773 dozen.
447/448	20,414 dozen.
636	375,958 dozen.
641	729,620 dozen of which not more than 255,367 dozen shall be in Category 641—Y ¹⁷ .
651	438,640 dozen.
Group III	
Sublevel in Group III	
845	850,363 dozen.

¹Category 870; Category 369—L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090; Category 670—L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.

²Category 369—S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

³Category 369—O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015, 4202.92.6090 (Category 369—L); and 6307.10.2005 (Category 369—S).

⁴Category 669—P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁵Category 669—T: only HTS numbers 6306.12.0000, 6306.19.0010 and 6306.22.9030.

⁶Category 669—O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669—P); 6306.12.0000, 6306.19.0010 and 6306.22.9030 (Category 669—T).

⁷Category 670—H: only HTS numbers 4202.22.4030 and 4202.22.8050.

⁸Category 670—O: all HTS numbers except 4202.22.4030 4202.22.8050 (Category 670—H); 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category 670—L).

⁹Category 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.

¹⁰Category 359—H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060; Category 659—H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

¹¹Category 359—O: all HTS numbers except 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 359—C); 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060 (Category 359—H).

¹²Category 659—S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹³Category 659—O: all HTS numbers except 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 (Category 659—C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659—H); 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020 (Category 659—S).

¹⁴Category 347—W: only HTS numbers 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.22.3030, 6203.42.4005, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.42.4050, 6203.42.4060, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348—W: only HTS numbers 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.22.3050, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4050, 6204.62.4055, 6204.62.4065, 6204.69.6010, 6204.69.9010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

¹⁵Category 640—Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and 6205.30.2060.

¹⁶Category 647—W: only HTS numbers 6203.23.0060, 6203.23.0070, 6203.29.2030, 6203.29.2035, 6203.43.2500, 6203.43.3500, 6203.43.4010, 6203.43.4020, 6203.43.4030, 6203.43.4040, 6203.49.1500, 6203.49.2015, 6203.49.2030, 6203.49.2045, 6203.49.2060, 6203.49.8030, 6210.40.5030, 6211.20.1525, 6211.20.3820 and 6211.33.0030; Category 648—W: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0045, 6204.29.2020, 6204.29.2025, 6204.29.4038, 6204.63.2000, 6204.63.3000, 6204.63.3510, 6204.63.3530, 6204.63.3532, 6204.63.3540, 6204.69.2510, 6204.69.2530, 6204.69.2540, 6204.69.2560, 6204.69.6030, 6204.69.9030, 6210.50.5035, 6211.20.1555, 6211.20.6820, 6211.43.0040 and 6217.90.9060.

¹⁷Category 641—Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The conversion factors are as follows:

Category	Conversion factors (square meters equivalent/category unit)
300/301/607	8.5
333/334/335	33.75
352/652	11.3
359—C/659—C	10.1
359—H/659—H	11.5
369—L/670—L/870	3.8
633/634/635	34.1
638/639	12.5

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include 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 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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