

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Technology Administration**

[Docket No. 980529140-9024-02]

**Cooperation Between the Technology Administration of the United States Department of Commerce and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China; Civil Industrial Technology Coordinating Committee****AGENCY:** Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice: Re-opening of time for requests for nominations for the coordinating committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Technology Administration invites nominations of individuals for appointment to the Civil Industrial Technology Coordinating Committee established under the Implementing Arrangement Concerning Cooperation in Civil Industrial Technology between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Peoples' Republic of China's Ministry of Science and Technology. The Technology Administration will consider all nominations received in response to this notice of appointment to the Committee.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before March 19, 1999.**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations for the United States-China Civil Industrial Technology Coordinating Committee to Phyllis Yoshida, Office of Technology Policy, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 4411, Washington, DC 20230. Nominations may also be submitted by fax to 202-219-3310.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phyllis Yoshida, telephone 202-482-1287; fax 202-219-3310; e-mail Phyllis\_Yoshida@ta.doc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 12, 1998, the Department of Commerce published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting nominations for Committee created under a memorandum of understanding with China. This **Federal Register** notice was published on November 12, 1998 (63 FR 63294). The notice provides additional information on the goal of the agreement, the scope of the proposed activities, and relevant information on the Committee, including the functions of the members of the bodies and membership criteria and requirements. Nominations were requested on or before January 8, 1999. Because this notice was published shortly before a major U.S. holiday and extended

through other holidays, the time for submission of nominations is being extended through March 19, 1999 to allow for further public dissemination and consideration.

**Kelly H. Carnes,***Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Technology Administration**

[Docket No. 980529139-9025-02]

**The United States-Greek Initiative for Technology Cooperation with the Balkans; Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Council; Cooperation Between the Technology Administration of the United States Department of Commerce and the Industrial Research and Technology Unit of the Northern Ireland Department of Economic Development Joint Board on Scientific and Technological Cooperation****AGENCY:** Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice: Re-opening of time for requests for nominations for the Joint Council and the Joint Board.

**SUMMARY:** The Technology Administration invites nominations of individuals to appointment to the Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Council established under a Memorandum of Understanding on technology cooperation between the United States Department of Commerce and the Greek Ministry of National Economy concerning technology cooperation with the Balkans and the appointment to the Joint Board on Scientific and Technological Cooperation established under a Memorandum of Understanding on technology cooperation between the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce and the Northern Ireland Industrial Research and Technology Unit. The Technology Administration will consider all nominations received in response to this notice of appointment to the two joint bodies.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before February 26, 1999.**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations for the United States-Greece Joint Council and the United States-Northern Ireland Joint Board to Cathy Campbell, Director, Office of International Technology Policy and Programs, Office

of Technology Policy, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 4821, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cathy Campbell, telephone 202-482-6351; fax 202-501-6849; e-mail Cathy\_Campbell@ta.doc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 12, 1998, the Department of Commerce published two notices in the **Federal Register** requesting nominations for two joint bodies created under various memorandums of understanding or other agreements with Greece and Northern Ireland. This **Federal Register** notice was published on November 12, 1998 (63 FR 63294). The notices provide additional information on the goals of the agreements, the scope of the activities contemplated under them, and relevant information on the joint bodies, including the functions of the members of the bodies and membership criteria and requirements. Nominations were requested on or before January 8, 1998. Because the notices were published shortly before a major U.S. holiday and extended through other holidays, the time for submission of nominations is being extended through February 26, 1999 to allow for further public dissemination and consideration.

**Kelly H. Carnes,***Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS****Establishment of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Cambodia**

February 1, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 10, 1999.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Unger, 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 U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

#### 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.

Pursuant to the bilateral textile agreement of January 20, 1999, the Governments of the United States and Cambodia agreed to limits for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Cambodia and exported to the United States during three one-year periods beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 2001. This directive cancels and supersedes the previous limits for Categories 331/631 set forth in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 57666 published on October 28, 1998; and 338/339 and 345 set forth in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71620 published on December 29, 1998.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1999 limits.

These limits may be revised if Cambodia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Cambodia. limits.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998).

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 1, 1999.

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 Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Bilateral Textile Agreement of January 20, 1999 between the Governments of the United States and Cambodia. This directive cancels and supersedes the directives issued to you on October 22, 1998 and December 22, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. These directives concern imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Cambodia and exported during the period which began on October 29, 1998 and

extends through October 28, 1999 (Categories 331/631) and the period which began on October 28, 1998 and extends through October 27, 1999 (Categories 338/339 and 345).

Furthermore, you are directed to prohibit, effective on February 10, 1999, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Cambodia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
331/631 .....	1,550,000 dozen pairs.
334/634 .....	170,000 dozen.
335/635 .....	65,000 dozen.
338/339 .....	2,500,000 dozen.
340/640 .....	750,000 dozen.
345 .....	94,000 dozen.
347/348/647/648 .....	3,000,000 dozen.
352/652 .....	600,000 dozen.
438 .....	90,000 dozen.
445/446 .....	110,000 dozen.
638/639 .....	900,000 dozen.
645/646 .....	250,000 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> These limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and Cambodia.

Textile products in the above categories which have been exported to the United States prior to January 1, 1999 shall not be subject to this directive.

Textile products in those same categories which have been released from the custody of the U.S. Customs Service under the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1448(b) or 1484(a)(1) prior to the effective date of this directive shall not be denied entry under this directive.

These limits may be revised if Cambodia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Cambodia. Import charges will be provided at a later date.

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 of 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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#### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

##### Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador

February 1, 1999.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 10, 1999.

**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 this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

#### 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 limit for Categories 342/642 is being increased for 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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 70108, published on December 18, 1998.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 1, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 14, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported during the period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through March 28, 1999.

Effective on February 10, 1999, you are directed to increase the current limit for