

## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Request for Public Comment on Short Supply Request under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and United States–Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

May 8, 2001.

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments  
concerning a request for a determination  
that certain yarns of 55 percent  
polyester staple fibers and 45 percent  
worsted wool cannot be supplied by the  
domestic industry in commercial  
quantities in a timely manner.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori  
E. Mennitt, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482–3400.

**SUMMARY:** On May 4, 2001 the Chairman  
of CITA received a petition from  
Stillwater Sales, Inc./Metcalf Bros. and  
Company alleging that yarns of 55  
percent polyester staple fibers and 45  
percent worsted wool, 1, 2, and 3 ply  
yarns, in their natural (undyed) state or  
in their stock dyed state (fiber dyed),  
with 12 to 20 twists per inch, and in  
sizes of 1/15 to 1/30, 2/30 to 2/60, and  
3/48 to 3/60 worsted count (1/17 to 1/  
34, 2/34 to 2/68 and 3/54 to 3/68 metric  
count), classified in subheading  
5107.20.6000 of the Harmonized Tariff  
Schedule of the United States (HTSUS),  
cannot be supplied by the domestic  
industry in commercial quantities in a  
timely manner and requesting that the  
President proclaim that apparel articles  
of woven U.S. formed-fabric of such  
yarns be eligible for preferential  
treatment under the AGOA and the  
CBTPA. CITA hereby solicits public  
comments on this request, in particular  
with regard to whether these yarns can  
be supplied by the domestic industry in  
commercial quantities in a timely  
manner. Comments must be submitted  
by May 25, 2001 to the Chairman,  
Committee for the Implementation of  
Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United  
States Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D.C. 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 112(b)(5)(B) of the  
AGOA; Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the  
Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as  
added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA;  
Sections 1 and 6 of Executive Order No.  
13191 of January 17, 2001.

## Background

The AGOA and the CBTPA provide  
for quota- and duty-free treatment for  
qualifying textile and apparel products.  
Such treatment is generally limited to  
products manufactured from yarns or  
fabrics formed in the United States or a  
beneficiary country. The AGOA and the  
CBTPA also provide for quota- and  
duty-free treatment for apparel articles  
that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and  
sewn or otherwise assembled in one or  
more AGOA or CBTPA beneficiary  
countries from fabric or yarn that is not  
formed in the United States or a  
beneficiary country, if it has been  
determined that such fabric or yarns  
cannot be supplied by the domestic  
industry in commercial quantities in a  
timely manner and the President has  
proclaimed such treatment. In Executive  
Order No. 13191, the President  
delegated to CITA the authority to  
determine whether yarns or fabrics  
cannot be supplied by the domestic  
industry in commercial quantities in a  
timely manner under the AGOA and the  
CBTPA and directed CITA to establish  
procedures to ensure appropriate public  
participation in any such determination.  
On March 6, 2001, CITA published  
procedures that it will follow in  
considering requests. 66 FR 13502.

On May 4, 2001 the Chairman of CITA  
received a petition from Stillwater  
Sales, Inc./Metcalf Bros. and Company  
alleging that yarns of 55 percent  
polyester staple fibers and 45 percent  
worsted wool, 1, 2, and 3 ply yarns, in  
their natural (undyed) state or in their  
stock dyed state (fiber dyed), with 12 to  
20 twists per inch, and in sizes of 1/15  
to 1/30, 2/30 to 2/60, and 3/48 to 3/60  
worsted count (1/17 to 1/34, 2/34 to  
2/68 and 3/54 to 3/68 metric count)  
classified in subheading 5107.20.6000 of  
the HTSUS, cannot be supplied by the  
domestic industry in commercial  
quantities in a timely manner, and  
requesting that the President proclaim  
quota- and duty-free treatment under  
the AGOA and the CBTPA for apparel  
articles that are cut and sewn in one or  
more AGOA or CBTPA beneficiary  
countries from woven U.S.-formed  
fabric of such yarns.

CITA is soliciting public comments  
regarding this request, particularly with  
respect to whether these yarns can be  
supplied by the domestic industry in  
commercial quantities in a timely  
manner. Also relevant is whether other  
yarns that are supplied by the domestic  
industry in commercial quantities in a  
timely manner are substitutable for  
these yarns for purposes of the intended  
use. Comments must be received no  
later than May 25, 2001. Interested  
persons are invited to submit six copies

of such comments or information to the  
Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements,  
room 3100, U.S. Department of  
Commerce, 14th and Constitution  
Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these yarns  
can be supplied by the domestic  
industry in commercial quantities in a  
timely manner, CITA will closely  
review any supporting documentation,  
such as a signed statement by a  
manufacturer of the yarn stating that it  
produces the yarn that is in the subject  
of the request, including the quantities  
that can be supplied and the time  
necessary to fill an order, as well as any  
relevant information regarding past  
production.

CITA will protect any business  
confidential information that is marked  
business confidential from disclosure to  
the full extent permitted by law. CITA  
will make available to the public non-  
confidential versions of the request and  
non-confidential versions of any public  
comments received with respect to a  
request in room 3100 in the Herbert  
Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution  
Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.  
Persons submitting comments on a  
request are encouraged to include a non-  
confidential version and a non-  
confidential summary.

**J. Hayden Boyd,**

*Acting 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 Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Korea

May 7, 2001.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 10, 2001.

**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 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.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 current limit for Category 345 in Group II is being reduced for carryforward used.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 69740, published on November 20, 2000.

**J. Hayden Boyd,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

May 7, 2001.

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 November 14, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products produced or manufactured in the Republic of Korea and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on May 10, 2001, you are directed to reduce the current limit for Category 345 in Group II to 133,919 dozen <sup>1</sup>, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

J. Hayden Boyd,

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

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<sup>1</sup>The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 01-05]

#### 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Pub. L. 104-164 dated July 21, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 01-05 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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