

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Cambodia and Amendment of Export Visa and Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) Requirements for Textiles and Textile Products Integrated into GATT 1994 in the First, Second and Third Stage

October 5, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and
Border Protection adjusting limits and
amending visa and ELVIS requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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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) 344-2650, or refer to the
Bureau of Customs and Border
Protection website at <http://www.cbp.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.

Cambodia will accede to the World
Trade Organization (WTO) on October
14, 2004. In order to implement the
WTO Agreement on Textiles and
Clothing (ATC), the import restraint
limits for textile products, produced or
manufactured in Cambodia and
exported during the period January 1,
2004 through December 31, 2004 are
being adjusted effective on that date. In
addition, the limits are being adjusted
for additional carryover and swing, as
well as to provide for the Labor
Adjustment granted to Cambodia on
January 1, 2004 (see 68 FR 68597,
published on December 9, 2003).

The ATC provides for the staged
integration of textiles and textile
products into the General Agreement on
Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994. For
WTO members, the first stage of the
integration took place on January 1,
1995, the second stage took place on
January 1, 1998, and the third stage took

place on January 1, 2002. The products
to be integrated in each stage were
announced on April 26, 1995 (see 60 FR
21075, published on May 1, 1995 and 63
FR 53881, published on October 7,
1998). The United States will
implement the first three stages of
integration for Cambodia effective
October 14, 2004. Accordingly, certain
previously restrained categories have
been modified and their limits have
been revised. Integrated products will
no longer be subject to quota.

In the letter published below, the
Chairman of CITA directs the
Commissioner of Customs to adjust the
2004 limits.

The United States will not maintain
visa and ELVIS requirements on textiles
and textile products that were integrated
in stage one, two and three, that were
produced or manufactured in Cambodia
and exported on or after October 14,
2004. In the letter published below, the
Chairman of CITA directs the
Commissioner of Customs to eliminate
existing visa and ELVIS requirements
for textiles and textile products that
were integrated on January 1, 1995,
January 1, 1998 and January 1, 2002,
and exported on or after October 14,
2004, produced or manufactured in
Cambodia (see 66 FR 63225, published
on December 5, 2001). The existing visa
and ELVIS requirements for Cambodia
will be maintained for goods exported
prior to October 14, 2004.

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 69 FR 4926,
published on February 2, 2004). Also
see 68 FR 68597, published on
December 9, 2003.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 5, 2004.

Commissioner,
*Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive
amends, but does not cancel, the directive
issued to you on December 4, 2003 by the
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements. That directive
concern imports of certain cotton, wool and
man-made fiber textile products, produced or
manufactured in Cambodia and exported
during the twelve-month period beginning on
January 1, 2004 and extending through
December 31, 2004.

Effective on October 14, 2004, you are
directed to adjust the current limits for the

following categories to reflect Cambodia's
accession to the World Trade Organization
(WTO), as provided for under the Uruguay
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
331pt./631pt. ²	187 dozen pairs.
334/634	274,134 dozen.
335/635	104,726 dozen.
338/339	4,309,875 dozen.
340/640	1,278,597 dozen.
345	132,759 dozen.
347/348/647/648	4,606,258 dozen.
352/652	1,033,188 dozen.
435	25,806 dozen.
438	123,985 dozen.
445/446	151,537 dozen.
638/639	1,582,973 dozen.
645/646	338,203 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to ac-
count for any imports exported after December
31, 2003.

² Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except
6116.10.1720, 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.5510,
6116.10.7510, 6116.92.6410, 6116.92.6420,
6116.92.6430, 6116.92.6440, 6116.92.7450,
6116.92.7460, 6116.92.7470, 6116.92.8800,
6116.92.9400 and 6116.99.9510; Category
631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730,
6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520,
6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.4800,
6116.99.5400 and 6116.99.9530.

You are also directed to amend the current
visa and ELVIS requirements for certain
textiles and textile products produced or
manufactured in Cambodia and exported on
or after October 14, 2004.

Effective on October 14, 2004, for goods
exported on or after October 14, 2004, export
visas and ELVIS transmissions will not be
required for textiles and textile products
produced or manufactured in Cambodia that
were integrated into the General Agreement
on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 on January
1, 1995, January 1, 1998 and January 1, 2002
(see directive dated November 29, 2001).
Export visas and ELVIS transmissions will
continue to be required for products
integrated on January 1, 2002 from Cambodia
that were exported prior to October 14, 2004.

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

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

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