

Accordingly, no further processing of this application shall occur.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Requesting Public Comment on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of the People's Republic of China Concerning Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products

June 13, 1986.

The Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA), under the authority contained in E.O. 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, has issued the directive published below to the Commissioner of Customs to be effective on June 20, 1986. For further information contact Diana Solkoff, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 377-4212.

Background

On May 30, 1986, pursuant to the terms of the Bilateral Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Agreement of August 19, 1983, as amended, between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, the Government of the United States requested consultations concerning imports into the United States of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Category 300/301 (combed and carded cotton yarns) and Category 659-S (man-made fiber swimwear—only TSUSA Numbers 381.2340, 381.3170, 381.9100, 381.9570, 384.1920, 384.2339, 384.8300, 384.8400, 384.9353), produced or manufactured in China and exported to the United States.

Summary market concerning these categories follow this notice.

A description of the textile categories in terms of T.S.U.S.A. numbers was published in the Federal Register on December 13, 1982 (47 FR 55709), as amended on April 7, 1983 (48 FR 15175), May 3, 1983 (48 FR 19924), December 14, 1983 (48 FR 55607), December 30, 1983 (48 FR 57584), April 4, 1984 (49 FR 13397), June 28, 1984 (49 FR 26622), July 16, 1984 (49 FR 28754), November 9, 1984 (49 FR 44782), and in Statistical Headnote 5, Schedule 3 of the Tariff

Schedules of the United States Annotated (1986).

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of Categories 300/301 and 659-S under the agreement with the People's Republic of China, or on any other aspect thereof, or to comment on domestic production or availability of textile products included in these categories, is invited to submit such comments or information in ten copies to Mr. William H. Houston III, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, Room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, and may be obtained upon written request.

Further comment may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the agreement or the implementation thereof is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

Pursuant to the terms of the bilateral agreement, the People's Republic of China is obligated under the consultation provision to limit its exports to the United States of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories during the ninety-day period which began on May 30, 1986 and extends through August 27, 1986 to the indicated levels:

Category	Ninety-day restraint level
300/301	1,497,633 pounds.
659-S	323,288 pounds.

The People's Republic of China is also obligated under the bilateral agreement, if no mutually satisfactory solution is reached during consultations, to limit its exports to the United States during the twelve-months following the ninety-day consultation period (August 28, 1986–August 27, 1987) to the indicated levels:

Category	Twelve-month restraint level
300/301	4,095,573 pounds.
659-S	711,703 pounds.

The United States Government has decided, pending a mutually satisfactory solution, to control imports of textile products in Categories 300/301 and 659-S exported during the ninety-day period at the levels described above. The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning these categories. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of the People's Republic of China, further notice will be published in the Federal Register.

In the event the limits established for Categories 300/301 and 659-S for the ninety-day period are exceeded, such excess amounts, if allowed to enter at the end of the restraint period, shall be charged to the levels defined in the agreement for the subsequent twelve-month period.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 30, 1985 a letter to the Commissioner of Customs was published in the Federal Register (50 FR 53182)—from the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements which established restraint limits for certain categories of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported during 1986. The notice which preceded that letter referred to the consultation mechanism which applies to categories of textile products under the bilateral agreement, such as: Categories 300/301 and 659-S which are not subject to specific ceilings and for which levels may be established during the year. In the letter to the Commissioner of Customs which follows this notice, ninety-day levels are established for these categories.

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China—Market Statement

Categories 300/301—Cotton Sales Yarn May 1986.

Summary and conclusions

United States imports of cotton yarns—Category 300/301—from China during year ending March 1986 were 4.3 million pounds, a substantial increase over the 53,786 pounds imported a year earlier. There were only 18,194 pounds imported from China in 1983; however, in 1985 China became the fifth largest supplier of these cotton yarns.

During 1985, 89 percent of the imports from China in Categories 300/301 were combed, cotton/polyester yarns. China's trade