Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles

Notification under Article 11:4 and 11:5

El Salvador/United States
Addendum

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from El Salvador notifying the withdrawal of the request for consultations under Article 3, with respect to Category 340/640 by the United States, and the withdrawal, in pursuance of the TSB recommendation of 26 July 1994,1 of the unilateral restraint introduced on this category.

1See COM.TEX/SB/1955.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
Ginebra, 3 de noviembre de 1994

Señor Embajador:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a usted, con el propósito de remitirle nota oficial de su excelencia el Señor René Antonio León R., Viceministro de Economía de El Salvador, en la cual notifica sobre el retiro del llamado a consulta y de la restricción unilateral de Estados Unidos a las categorías 340/640 de El Salvador.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad, Señor Embajador, para reiterarle las muestras de mi alta estima y consideración.

Carmen Tobar Sandoval
Ministro Consejero

Señor Embajador
Marcelo Raffaelli
Presidente del Organo de Vigilancia de los Textiles
Centro William Rappard
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211, Ginebra 21
SEÑOR EMBAJADOR:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a usted, con el propósito de informarle que el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos publicó en el "Federal Register" del 26 de septiembre de 1994, el retiro de la restricción impuesta sobre las importaciones procedentes de El Salvador de camisetas de algodón y fibra sintética para hombres y niños (Categorías 340/640). Adjunto encontrará copia de la publicación del "Federal Register", así como de la nota enviada por la Embajadora Jennifer Hillman a nuestra Sede en Washington comunicando el retiro del llamado a consulta y de la restricción unilateral, con lo cual se dio cumplimiento a la recomendación del Organo de Vigilancia de los Textiles emanada de la reunión del 26 de julio de 1994.

Asimismo, deseo informarle que en reunión sostenida en la ciudad de Washington D.C., entre el 23 y 26 de septiembre de 1994, representantes de los Gobiernos de El Salvador y de los Estados Unidos acordaron establecer un acuerdo bilateral en condiciones mutuamente aceptables al amparo del Artículo 4 del Acuerdo Relativo al Comercio Internacional de los Textiles (AMF) para las categorías 340/640. Los detalles del acuerdo se detallan en el Memorándum de Entendimiento que se anexa a la presente.

Sin otro particular, hago propicia la ocasión para reiterarle las muestras de mi más alta estima y consideración.

AL SEÑOR EMBAJADOR
MARCELO RAFAELLI,
PRESIDENTE DEL ORGANO DE VIGILANCIA
DE LOS TEXTILES (OVT)
Ginebra, SUIZA.
Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith an official note from His Excellency René Antonio León R., Deputy Minister of the Economy of El Salvador, notifying the withdrawal of the request for consultations and the unilateral restraint by the United States for categories 340/640 from El Salvador.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Carmen Tobar Sandoval
Minister Councillor
Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United States published in the Federal Register of 26 September 1994 notice of the rescinding of the restraint imposed on imports from El Salvador of cotton and man-made-fibre men’s and boys’ shirts (categories 340/640). I enclose a copy of the Federal Register and of the note sent by Ambassador Jennifer Hillman to our Embassy in Washington informing it of the rescinding of the request for consultations and cancellation of the unilateral restraint, thus fulfilling the recommendation of the Textile Surveillance Body at its meeting of 26 July 1994.

I also wish to inform you that, at a meeting held in Washington D.C. between 23 and 26 September 1994, representatives of the Governments of El Salvador and of the United States agreed to establish a bilateral agreement on mutually acceptable conditions under Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) for categories 340/640. Details of the agreement are given in the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) René Antonio León R.
Deputy Minister

Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body
September 23, 1994

Ambassador Ana Cristina Sol
Embassy of El Salvador
2308 California Street, NW
Washington, DC  20008

Dear Ambassador Sol:

I have the honor to refer to my Government's April 25 request for consultations with respect to imports of cotton and man-made fiber men's and boys' non-knit shirts (category 340/640) from El Salvador.

My Government has, after further review, decided to rescind the request for consultations on category 340/640 and to cancel the unilateral restraint. However, the United States reserves its rights to request consultations again on this category.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hillman
Ambassador
Chief Textile Negotiator
Donald L. Powers
Fiscal and Budget Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
[R.D. 083194AA]

Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (P476B and P572).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Washington, Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, School of Fisheries, WH-10, Seattle, WA 98195 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Glenn R. VanBlaricom) and the Florida Institute of Technology, Dept. of Biological Sciences, 150 West University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32905 (Principal Investigator: Dr. John G. Morris), have applied in due form for permits to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 26, 1994.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):
- (P476B and P572) - Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2283);
- (P476B) - Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and
- (P572) - Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 19721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on either of these requests, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of the applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.


Glenn R. VanBlaricom, Ph.D. (P476B), requests a Permit to harass up to 334 gray whales (Eschrichtius robustus) (167/167 during north/southbound migrations) over a 1-year period during production of low-frequency sounds, using a transducer dropped from a boat off the central California coast. Several marine mammal species may also be affected by the acoustic studies.

John G. Morris, Ph.D. (P572), requests a Permit to harass up to 565 bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops truncatus) over a 1-year period incidental to photo-identification and behavioral observations.

Herbert W. Kaufman, Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Farmer, Under Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism (202) 402-4212.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Cancellation of a Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador


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

ACTION: Announcing the cancellation of a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 26, 1994.


(202) 442-4212.
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(b)(4)(A).

Sincerely,
Rita D. Haynes,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Adjustment of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Korea


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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 28, 1994

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosa Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, 135 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) 927-6707. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715. For information on categories on which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.


The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for carryforward, carryover, swing and special shift.

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 58 FR 62645, published on November 29, 1993). Also see 58 FR 35501, published on July 12, 1994.

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 bilateral agreement, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

Rita D. Haynes,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements


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

Dear Commissioner Effective on September 28, 1994, this directive cancels the limit established in the directive issued to you on July 6, 1994, by the Chairman, Committee for th Implementation of Textile Agreements, for cotton and man made fiber textile products in Categories 340/640, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported during the twelve-month period which began on April 25, 1994 and extends through April 24, 1995.
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE 94-0960
09/23/1994

TITLE: QUO-QBT 94-63: EL SALVADOR
TO : ALL ABI BROKERS.

FROM : HQ QUOTA

SUBJECT : QUO-QBT 94-63: EL SALVADOR

DATE : 09/23/94

 CATEGORY : QUO

TO : ASSISTANT REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS
(OPERATIONS)

FROM : CHIEF, QUOTA BRANCH

RE : QBT 94-63: EL SALVADOR - CANCELLATION OF LIMIT FOR
CATEGORIES 340/640

PASS TO : REGIONAL PROGRAM MANAGERS FOR QUOTA, AREA,
DISTRICT AND PORT DIRECTORS, NATIONAL IMPORT
SPECIALIST(S), IMPORT SPECIALISTS, ENTRY
SUPERVISORS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES
SUCH AS BROKERS AND IMPORTERS

A CITA DIRECTIVE DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1994, EFFECTIVE ON
SEPTEMBER 26, 1994, CANCELS THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN THE
DIRECTIVE OF JULY 6, 1994, FOR COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBER
TEXtile PRODUCTS IN CATEGORIES 340/640, PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED
IN EL SALVADOR AND EXPORTED DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD WHICH BEGAN ON

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TELEX, PLEASE CONTACT
MARLA BIANCHETTA ON (202) 927-5385 OR JUDI RICHARDSON ON
(202) 927-5395.

KAREN L. COOPER
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

Representatives of the Governments of El Salvador and the United States of America met in Washington, D.C. on September 23-26, 1994, to discuss the establishment of a mutually agreeable restraint on imports of men's and boy's cotton and man-made fiber shirts, not knit, in Category 340/640 from El Salvador. The Representatives of the Governments agreed to establish a bilateral agreement pursuant to Article 4 of the MFA, with a first agreement period of October 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 and a subsequent agreement period being the 12 month period beginning January 1, 1995 and ending December 31 of the same year. The Representatives agreed to establish these restraints as follows:

1. A specific limit for the period October 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 of 450,000 dozen.

2. To provide flexibility, a combined carryover/carryforward of up to 11% with carryforward not to exceed 6%. Carryover and carryforward shall be calculated on the basis of the receiving year.

3. To provide a GAL of 1,000,000 dozen for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 and for any subsequent period for which this agreement may be extended.

4. For purposes of notification of restraints and the operations of Article 2 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the notional level of 825,000 dozen for calendar year 1994 will be notified.

5. The notional growth rate in force for the twelve month period prior to the entry into force of the ATC for the purpose of the operation of Article 2, paragraphs 13, 14 and 18 of the ATC shall be 6% for Category 340/640.

6. For the subsequent calendar year periods, the specific limit shall be increased from the notional base established above, by the increases in the 6% growth rate provided for by Article 2, paragraphs 13, 14 and 18 until the expiration of the ATC.
The Representatives also confirmed that El Salvador qualifies for "meaningful improvements in access for their exports" under paragraph 18, Article 2 of the ACT.

The Representatives also agreed to continue consultations regarding the establishment of a Visa Arrangement to cover exports of Category 340/640 from El Salvador to the United States.

These provisions will be applied when an agreement affecting its terms is concluded by exchange of Diplomatic Notes or on October 1, 1994, whichever is first.

Signed this 26 of September, 1994

For the Government of
El Salvador

For the Government of the United States of America
COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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


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

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


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 status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated September 26, 1994, the Governments of the United States and El Salvador agreed, among other things, to establish a bilateral agreement for cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 340/640, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported during the periods October 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 and January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish, pursuant to the MOU, a limit for the period beginning on October 1, 1994 and ending through December 31, 1994.

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 58 FR 62645, published on November 29, 1993).

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.

Rita D. Hayes,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

SEP 28 1994
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements


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

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), and the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, as further extended on December 9, 1993; pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding dated September 26, 1994 between the Governments of the United States and El Salvador; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on October 3, 1994, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 340/640, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported during the period beginning on October 1, 1994 and extending through December 31, 1994, in excess of 450,000 dozen.

Textile products in Categories 340/640 which have been exported to the United States prior to October 1, 1994 shall not be subject to this directive.

Textile products in Categories 340/640 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.

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 this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Rita D. Hayes,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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