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*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
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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 Turkey

August 13, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 17, 2001.

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 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](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 361 is
 being increased for the recrediting of
 unused carryforward.

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 66730, published on
 November 7, 2000.

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Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 13, 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 October 27, 2000, by the
 Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
 of Textile Agreements. That directive
 concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and
 man-made fiber textile products, produced or
 manufactured in the Republic of Turkey and
 exported during the twelve-month period
 which began on January 1, 2001 and extends
 through December 31, 2001.

Effective on August 17, 2001, you are
 directed to increase the current limit for
 Category 361 to 2,576,045 numbers¹, 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 of 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on the Elimination of the Paper Visa Requirement for Certain Textile Products Exported from the Philippines

August 13, 2001.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori
 Mennitt, Office of Textiles and Apparel,
 U.S. Department of Commerce, (202)
 482-3400.

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 a textile visa arrangement
 between the United States and the
 Government of the Philippines, certain
 textiles and textile products exported
 from the Philippines must be
 accompanied by a visa issued by the
 Government of the Philippines in order
 to be imported into the United States.
 See 44 FR 68005 (November 28, 1979).

The Electronic Visa Information
 System (ELVIS) allows certain foreign
 governments to electronically transfer
 textile and textile product shipment
 information to the U.S. Customs Service
 and thereby issue a visa electronically.
 On August 18, 1997 (62 FR 43993),

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

CITA announced that the Government
 of the Philippines would begin an
 ELVIS test implementation phase using
 both paper and electronic visas.

As a result of successful use of the
 dual visa system, preparations are under
 way to move beyond the current dual
 system to the paperless ELVIS system
 with the Philippines. Exempt goods, for
 example cottage industry handwoven
 and handloomed fabrics, handmade
 articles and garments of handwoven and
 handloomed fabric, and traditional
 folklore handicraft products, would still
 require an exempt certification issued
 by the Government of the Philippines.

CITA is soliciting public comments
 on the elimination of the paper visa
 requirement for the Philippines and
 utilization of the ELVIS system
 exclusively. Comments must be
 received on or before October 16, 2001.
 Comments may be mailed to D. Michael
 Hutchinson, Acting Chairman,
 Committee for the Implementation of
 Textile Agreements, room 3001, U.S.
 Department of Commerce, 14th and
 Constitution Avenue, N.W.,
 Washington, DC 20230.

The solicitation of comments is not a
 waiver in any respect of the exemption
 to the rulemaking provisions contained
 in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters
 which constitute a foreign affairs
 function of the United States.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Performance of Notice Registration Processing Functions by National Futures Association With Respect to Certain Securities Brokers and Dealers

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading
 Commission.

ACTION: Notice and order.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures
 Trading Commission ("Commission") is
 authorizing the National Futures
 Association ("NFA"), effective
 September 17, 2001, to process notice
 registration filings as a futures
 commission merchant ("FCM") or
 introducing broker ("IB") in the case of
 a securities broker or dealer ("BD")
 registered with the Securities and
 Exchange Commission ("SEC") that,
 among other things, limits its
 involvement with commodity futures
 contracts to security futures products. In