

participate in this investigation, we determine, as BIA, that imports have been massive over a short period. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist.

Final Critical Circumstances Determination

We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances when we make our final determination of sales at less than fair value in this investigation.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(1) and 733(e)(2) of the Act, we are directing the Customs Service to suspend liquidation of all entries of glycine from the PRC, as defined in the "Scope of the Investigation" section of this notice, that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after August 18, 1994, which is 90 days prior to the date of publication of our affirmative preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**. This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination.

Public Comment

Written comments regarding this preliminary determination on critical circumstances should be incorporated into the case and rebuttal briefs which are due on January 5 and January 7, 1995, respectively. Parties wishing to comment on this determination, but who are unable to do so in the context of the case and rebuttal briefs noted above, should submit comments no later than January 13, 1995.

This determination is published pursuant to section 733(f) of the Act.

Dated: December 30, 1994.

Barbara R. Stafford,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of Thailand on Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products

December 30, 1994.

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

ACTION: Notice.

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 categories on which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

On November 28, 1994, under the terms of the Bilateral Textile Agreement of September 3, 1991, as amended and extended, between the Governments of the United States and Thailand, the United States Government requested consultations with the Government of Thailand with respect to Categories 352/652 (underwear), Category 603 (staple fiber yarn) and Category 670-L (luggage).

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public the request to consult was based on year ending August 1994 trade of 1,505,169 dozen for Categories 352/652; 792,415 kilograms for Category 603; and 19,929,610 kilograms for Category 670-L.

Summary market statements concerning Categories 352/652, 603 and 670-L follow this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of Categories 352/652, 603 and 670-L, under the agreement with the Government of Thailand, or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in the categories, is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Rita D. Hayes, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L. LeGrande. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Thailand.

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 H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments 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 bilateral textile agreement or any other appropriate agreement between the Governments of the United States and Thailand 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."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning Categories 352/652, 603 and 670-L. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Thailand, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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).

Rita D. Hayes,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Market Statement—Thailand

Category 352/652—Cotton and Manmade Fiber Underwear

October 1994

Import Situation and Conclusion

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade fiber underwear, Category 352/652, from Thailand reached 1,505,169 dozen for the year ending August 1994, 27 percent above the 1,183,686 dozen imported in the year ending August 1993. During the first eight months of 1994, imports from Thailand were 989,385 dozen, 23 percent above their January-August 1993 level.

The sharp and substantial increase in Category 352/652 imports from Thailand is causing a real risk of disruption in the U.S. market for cotton and manmade fiber underwear.

U.S. Production, Import Penetration, and Market Share

U.S. production of cotton and manmade fiber underwear, Category