



U.S. Apparel Imports from China in Key Categories 2003-2005 Projected 2005 Safeguard Quota Levels & Quota Fill-Rates

Data in Dozens, June 6, 2005

China Safeguard Categories	2003	2004	Jan-May 2004	Jan-May 2005*	% Change 04-05	Year-Ending Feb 2005	Year-Ending Mar 2005	2005 YTD Thru 5/21**	Actual Safeguard Quota	Actual Fill Rate (Thru 6/3)***	Projected Weekly Fill Rate****	Projected Embargo	Projected Embargo (June 30 Consultation)
	<i>Actual Dozens</i>												
338/339 (Cotton Knit Tops)	2,601,949	2,816,081	830,530	13,863,570	1569.2%	7,162,381	9,435,000	12,631,025	4,704,115	5.3%	631,551	7/14/05 (7.4 weeks)	N/A
340/640 (M&B Woven Tops)	2,242,997	2,471,403	805,857	3,384,001	319.9%	3,431,204	3,892,584	3,187,715	2,213,126	0.4%	159,386	9/1/05 (13.9 weeks)	N/A
347/348 (Cotton Pants)	2,475,791	2,184,056	723,092	12,603,925	1643.1%	6,608,959	8,572,361	12,200,766	4,340,638	4.6%	610,038	7/12/05 (7.1 weeks)	N/A
352/652 (Underwear)	5,393,710	5,211,316	1,981,205	11,079,963	459.3%	7,712,995	9,208,507	10,296,530	5,062,892	4.0%	514,827	7/31/05 (9.8 weeks)	N/A
638/639 (MMF Knit Tops)	2,439,908	2,924,922	1,011,722	5,511,826	444.8%	4,409,897	5,033,394	5,125,150	2,844,383	2.7%	256,258	8/13/05 (11.1 weeks)	N/A
647/648 (MMF Pants)	3,219,753	2,851,512	967,466	4,185,161	332.6%	4,125,083	4,564,268	3,889,874	2,660,678	0.6%	194,494	8/31/05 (13.7 weeks)	N/A

Note: The US government formally imposed safeguard quotas on Categories 338/339, 347/348, and 352/652 on May 23, 2005 and on Categories 340/640, 638/639, and 647/648 on May 27, 2005.

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	<i>Actual Dozens</i>												
345/645/646 (Sweaters)	983,329	1,073,133	177,640	924,547	420.5%	1,342,687	1,460,666	762,395	731,580	666,804	38,120	11/11/05 (19.2 weeks)	11/29/05 (17.5 weeks)
349/649 (Brassieres)	16,056,418	17,736,037	6,572,409	9,031,458	37.4%	19,347,102	19,711,370	8,567,246	10,541,520	8,998,375	428,362	12/19/05 (24.6 weeks)	12/23/05 (21.0 weeks)
350/650 (Dressing Gowns)	4,268,621	4,554,700	1,476,995	1,882,988	27.5%	4,875,878	4,839,432	1,732,816	2,656,686	2,209,234	86,641	No Projected Embargo	No Projected Embargo
447 (M&B Wool Pants)	122,695	66,550	26,679	82,171	208.0%	101,843	115,836	78,846	54,716	52,142	3,942	10/5/05 (13.9 weeks)	10/29/05 (13.2 weeks)

Note: Based on the announcements made recently by the US government, please find below the deadline for public comments and the deadlines for final decisions on the remaining outstanding petitions:

China Safeguard Categories	Petition Based on "Threat" or "Actual Data"	Public Comments Due	Final Decision Due	Current Status
345/645/646 (Sweaters)	Actual Data	6/3/2005	8/3/2005	Under Review
349/649 (Brassieres)	Threat	6/8/2005	8/8/2005	Public Comments
349/649 (Brassieres)	Actual Data	6/3/2005	8/3/2005	Under Review
350/650 (Dressing Gowns)	Threat	6/6/2005	8/5/2005	Under Review
350/650 (Dressing Gowns)	Actual Data	6/3/2005	8/3/2005	Under Review
447 (M&B Wool Pants)	Threat	5/23/2005	7/22/2005	Under Review

Please note that the dates listed in the "Final Decision Due" column is the deadline for a final decision. The US government, however, can make a final decision on a petition ANY TIME after the public comment period closes

* The figures for April & May 2005 are based on preliminary data provided by the US Bureau of Customs & Border Protection (Customs) to the US Department of Commerce's Office of Textiles & Apparel (OTEXA).

** 2005 YTD Thru 5/21 is based on preliminary bi-weekly data provided by the US Department of Commerce's Office of Textiles & Apparel (OTEXA).

*** Actual Fill Rate As Tracked Daily By US Customs - <http://www.customs.gov/quotas/files/cntxtprt.htm>

**** The Projected Weekly Quota Fill-Rate is derived from the weekly average of imports through May 21, 2005, based on official and preliminary data from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Textiles & Apparel (OTEXA). Please note that this average could be skewed by several factors such as product that arrived in 2004, but was held until 2005 because of embargoes or by the fact that Chinese New Year occurred in Feb 2005.

Note: Quotas under the China textile safeguard are based on data for the first 12 of the 14 months preceding a formal US government request for consultations. If quotas are imposed after January 1,

they are pro-rated for the calendar year. For example, if the US government requests consultations any time during May 2005, quotas would be calculated based on year-ending Feb 2005 data, including an increase of 7.5% (6.0% for wool products). If the US government requests consultations any time during June 2005, quotas would be calculated based on year-ending March 2005 data.

Note: Projected Embargo is the projected date when a safeguard quota would fill (based on the projected fill rate) and be embargoed by Customs (based on May 31 and June 30 start dates).

Source: Preliminary Data & Official Data, U.S. General Imports, Office of Textiles & Apparel (OTEXA), U.S. Department of Commerce, <http://www.otexa.ita.doc.gov>.