



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

Data in Dozens, June 15, 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 6/04**	Actual Safeguard Quota	Actual Fill Rate (Thru 6/14)***	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%	7,162,382	9,435,000	14,964,513	4,704,115	26.5%	680,205	7/11/05 (6.9 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	3,627,431	2,213,126	7.4%	164,883	8/29/05 (13.4 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	13,975,834	4,340,638	27.5%	635,265	7/10/05 (6.8 weeks)	N/A
352/652 (Underwear)	5,393,710	5,211,316	1,981,205	11,079,963	459.3%	7,708,891	9,208,751	11,940,917	5,062,892	22.1%	542,769	7/27/05 (9.3 weeks)	N/A
638/639 (MMF Knit Tops)	2,439,908	2,924,922	1,011,722	5,511,826	444.8%	4,410,655	5,034,152	5,861,078	2,844,383	12.6%	266,413	8/10/05 (10.7 weeks)	N/A
647/648 (MMF Pants)	3,219,753	2,851,512	967,466	4,185,161	332.6%	4,123,366	4,562,555	4,358,913	2,660,678	7.1%	198,132	8/29/05 (13.4 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.

Pending China Safeguard Petitions	2003	2004	Jan-May 2004	Jan-May 2005*	% Change 04-05	Year-Ending Mar 2005	Year-Ending Apr 2005	2005 YTD Thru 6/04**	Projected Safeguard Quota (June 30 Consultation)	Projected Safeguard Quota (July 29 Consultation)	Projected Weekly Fill Rate****	Projected Embargo (June 30 Consultation)	Projected Embargo (July 29 Consultation)
	<i>Actual Dozens</i>												
345/645/646 (Sweaters)	983,329	1,073,133	177,640	924,547	420.5%	1,342,721	1,441,917	1,047,898	731,599	658,245	47,632	10/16/05 (15.4 weeks)	11/3/05 (13.8 weeks)
349/649 (Brassieres)	16,056,418	17,736,037	6,572,409	9,031,458	37.4%	19,347,102	19,662,088	9,468,201	10,541,520	8,975,878	430,373	12/18/05 (24.5 weeks)	12/22/05 (20.9 weeks)
350/650 (Dressing Gowns)	4,268,621	4,554,700	1,476,995	1,882,988	27.5%	4,875,878	4,851,761	1,947,138	2,656,686	2,214,862	88,506	No Projected Embargo	No Projected Embargo
447 (M&B Wool Pants)	122,695	66,550	26,679	82,171	208.0%	101,843	115,868	82,591	54,716	52,156	3,754	10/11/05 (14.6 weeks)	11/03/05 (13.9 weeks)

Possible Future China Safeguard Petitions*****	2003	2004	Jan-May 2004	Jan-May 2005*	% Change 04-05	Year-Ending Apr 2005	Year-Ending May 2005*	2005 YTD Thru 6/04**	Projected Safeguard Quota (July 29 Consultation)	Projected Safeguard Quota (Aug 31 Consultation)	Projected Weekly Fill Rate****	Projected Embargo (July 29 Consultation)	Projected Embargo (Aug 31 Consultation)
	<i>Actual Dozens</i>												
341/641 (W&G Woven Tops)	2,167,227	2,143,037	556,760	2,785,790	400.4%	4,372,067	5,103,899	3,863,684	1,995,879	1,848,940	175,622	10/17/05 (11.4 weeks)	11/13/05 (10.5 weeks)
342/642 (Skirts)	659,324	774,830	299,690	2,390,150	697.5%	2,865,290	3,579,332	3,381,011	1,308,025	1,296,650	153,682	9/26/05 (8.5 weeks)	10/29/05 (8.4 weeks)
351/651 (Pajamas/Nightwear)	1,473,796	1,758,853	411,073	2,299,662	459.4%	3,647,442	4,281,563	3,152,801	1,665,082	1,551,040	143,309	10/18/05 (11.6 weeks)	11/15/05 (10.8 weeks)

Status of Outstanding China Safeguard Petitions	"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	Under Review
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 May and June 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 6/04 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/cntxtrpt.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.

***** There have been rumors that the US textile industry has threatened to file safeguard petitions in those categories listed under the chart titled *Possible Future China Safeguard Petitions* as well as other possible categories. (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 June 2005, quotas would be calculated based on year-ending March 2005 data, including an increase of 7.5% (6.0% for wool products). If the US government requests consultations any time during July 2005, quotas would be calculated based on year-ending April 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 actual or projected consultation dates - i.e. 5/23, 5/27, 6/30, 7/29, 8/31).

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>.