

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Coverage of Import Limits and Visa and Certification Requirements for Certain Part-Categories Produced or Manufactured in Various Countries

February 7, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending coverage for import limits and visa and certification requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 14, 1996.

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

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).

To facilitate implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and textile agreements and export visa arrangements based upon the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS), for goods entered into the United States for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on and after January 1, 1996 for part-Categories 647-W and 669-P, regardless of the date of export, certain HTS classification numbers are being changed on all import controls and on all visa and certification arrangements for countries with these part-categories. These changes were published in the 1996 Harmonized Tariff Schedule.

The changes in the HTS numbers will be reflected in the 1996 CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995).

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 7, 1996.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, all monitoring and import control directives issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the

Implementation of Textile Agreements, which include man-made fiber textile products in part-Categories 647-W and 669-P, produced or manufactured in various countries and imported into the United States on and after January 1, 1996.

Also, this directive amends, but does not cancel, all directives establishing visa and certification requirements for part-Categories 647-W and 669-P for which visa arrangements are in place with the Government of the United States.

Effective on February 14, 1996, you are directed to make the changes shown below in the aforementioned directives for goods entered in the United States for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on and after January 1, 1996 for part-Categories 647-W and 669-P, regardless of the date of export:

| Category | Obsolete number | New number |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|
| 647-W | 6203.49.2010 | 6203.49.2015. |
| | 6203.49.2040 | 6203.49.2045. |
| 669-P | 6305.31.0010 | 6305.32.0010. |
| | | 6305.33.0010. |
| | 6305.31.0020 | 6305.32.0020. |
| | | 6305.33.0020. |

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Request for Comments Concerning Proposed Request for Approval of a Collection of Information—Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed request for approval of a collection of information from manufacturers and importers of residential garage door operators. The collection of information consists of testing and recordkeeping requirements in certification regulations implementing the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators (16 CFR Part 1211). The Commission will consider all comments

received in response to this notice before requesting approval of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary not later than April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned "Residential Garage Door Operators" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed request for approval of the collection of information, or to obtain a copy of 16 CFR Part 1211, call or write Nicholas V. Marchica, Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0416, extension 2243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1990, Congress enacted legislation requiring residential garage door operators to comply with the provisions of a standard published by Underwriters Laboratories to protect against entrapment. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 1990 (the Improvement Act) (Pub. L. 101-608, 104 Stat. 3110) includes requirements that residential garage door operators manufactured on or after January 1, 1993, must comply with the entrapment protection provisions in UL Standard 325 in effect on or before January 1, 1992. The entrapment protection requirements of UL Standard 325 are codified as the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators, 16 CFR Part 1211.

A. Certification Requirements

The Improvement Act provides that UL Standard 325 shall be considered to be a consumer product safety standard issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission under section 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2058). Section 14(a) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2063(a)) requires manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of a consumer product subject to a consumer product safety standard to issue a certificate stating that the product complies with all applicable consumer product safety standards. Section 14(a) of the CPSA also requires that the certificate of compliance must be based on a test of each product or upon a reasonable testing program.

Section 14(b) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2063(b)) authorizes the Commission to issue regulations to prescribe a

reasonable testing program to support certificates of compliance with a consumer product safety standard. Section 14(b) of the CPSA allows firms which are required to issue certificates of compliance to use an independent third-party organization to conduct the testing required to support the certificate of compliance.

Section 16(b) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2065(b)) authorizes the Commission to issue rules to require establishment and maintenance of records necessary to implement the CPSA or determine compliance with rules issued under the authority of the CPSA. On December 22, 1992, the Commission issued rules prescribing requirements for a reasonable testing program to support certificates of compliance with the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators (57 FR 60449). These regulations also require manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of residential garage door operators to establish and maintain records to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for testing to support certification of compliance. 16 CFR Part 1211, Subparts B and C.

The Commission uses the information compiled and maintained by manufacturers and importers of residential garage door operators to protect consumers from risks of death and injury resulting from entrapment accidents associated with garage door operators. More specifically, the Commission uses this information to determine whether the products produced and imported by those firms comply with the standard. The Commission also uses this information to facilitate corrective action if any residential garage door operators fail to comply with the standard in a manner that creates a substantial risk of injury to the public.

B. Estimated Burden

The Commission staff estimates that about 14 firms are subject to the testing and recordkeeping requirements of the certification regulations. Information available to the Commission staff indicates that all of these firms use the services of an independent third-party organization to conduct the testing and maintain the records necessary to satisfy the requirements of the certification regulations.

The Commission staff estimates that after an initial one-time test to establish that a garage door operator complies with the requirements of the standard, the annual cost to a manufacturer or importer of garage door operators for the inspection and certification services of a third-party organization is

approximately \$1,200 per year. Thus, the total annual burden imposed by the certification regulations on all manufacturers and importers of garage door operators is about \$16,800.

During a typical year, the Commission will expend approximately one week of professional staff time reviewing records required to be maintained by the certification regulations for residential garage door operators. The annual cost to the Federal government of the collection of information in these regulations is estimated to be \$1,400.

C. Request for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed request for approval of the collection of information in the certification and recordkeeping regulations for residential garage door operators. The Commission specifically solicits information about the hourly burden and monetary costs imposed by the collection of information on firms subject to this collection of information. The Commission also seeks information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions;
- Whether the information will have practical utility for the Commission;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other form of information technology.

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) announces a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting is open to the public. The topics to be covered are partnership successes within DoD and action items

related to the Defense Partnership Council Plan of Action.

DATES: The meeting is to be held Wednesday, March 6, 1996, in room 1E801, Conference Room 7, the Pentagon, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Comments should be received by March 1, 1996, in order to be considered at the March 6 meeting.

ADDRESSES: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments or recommendations. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. Kenneth Oprisko at the address shown below. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals wishing to attend who do not possess an appropriate Pentagon building pass should call the below listed telephone number to obtain instructions for entry into the Pentagon. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain appropriate accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Blvd, Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703) 696-6301, ext. 704.

Dated: February 6, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on March 5, 1996; March 12, 1996; and March 26, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman