

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 the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6712. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Categories 340/640 is being reduced for carryforward used during the previous period.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 62394, published on December 6, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 5, 1996.

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 November 29, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on June 6, 1996, you are directed to reduce the limit for Categories 340/640 to 1,161,772 dozen¹, as provided for under the terms of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act

and 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 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Notice of Determination of Need

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has determined that a need exists to facilitate the private financing of defense contracts, particularly contracts to be performed by small businesses, by using provisions precluding reductions or setoffs in defense contracts containing the Assignment of Claims clause when claims have been assigned.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Galbraith, (703) 697-6710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2451 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 amended Section 3737 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 15) to authorize use of "no-setoff" provisions in contracts authorizing contractor assignments of claims, upon a determination of need. The President delegated the authority to make these determinations of need to the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, the Administrator of General Services, and the heads of all other departments and agencies, and authorized further redelegation.

A provision in DoD contracts limiting reduction or setoff as provided in Section 3737 of the Revised Statutes facilitates the use of private financing of DoD contracts, and therefore facilitates the participation of businesses, especially small businesses, in the procurements of DoD thereby increasing competition in these procurements, to the benefit of DoD.

Pursuant to the Presidential delegation dated October 3, 1995, the Secretary of Defense delegation dated February 5, 1996, and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology delegation dated February 23, 1996, the Director of Defense Procurement on May 10, 1996, made the following determination and ordered its publication in the Federal Register in accordance with the authorizing statute:

Determination of Need Under Section 3737 of the Revised Statutes

Pursuant to section 2451 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, Public law 103-355 (41 U.S.C. 15), and in accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on February 23, 1996, I determine that a need exists to facilitate the private financing of defense contracts, particularly contracts to be performed by small businesses. Consequently, any contract of the Department of Defense, except any such contract under which full payment has been made, may provide or be amended without consideration to provide that payments under such contract shall not be subject to reduction or setoff.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

International Energy Agency meetings

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Industry Advisory Board to the International Energy Agency will meet June 17-18, 1996, in Paris, France, to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions on June 17 and on June 18 at a joint meeting of the IEA's Governing Board and the SEQ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel M. Bradley, Acting Assistant General Counsel for International and Legal Policy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, 202-586-6738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(i)), the following meeting notices are provided:

I. A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held on June 17, 1996, at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) offices at 2, rue Andre-Pascal, Paris, France, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) which is scheduled to be held at the OECD on the same date, including a preparatory

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.