

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

April 24, 1997.

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 4, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on May 1, 1997, you are directed to increase the Guaranteed Access Level for Categories 347/348 to 2,000,000 dozen¹.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of 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 and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through September 30, 1997. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2000.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Michael Pelkey, PDUSD (AT&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0369 in all correspondence related to this issue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Pelkey, at (703) 602-0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>.

Paper copies may be obtained from Mr. Michael Pelkey, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 227.71, Rights in Technical Data, Subpart 227.72, Rights in Computer Software and Computer Software Documentation, and associated DFARS clauses and provisions in DFARS Subpart 252.2; no form is used for this information collection; OMB Number 0704-0369.

Needs and Uses: This requirement provides for the collection of necessary information from contractors and subcontractors regarding restrictions on the Government's right to use or disclose technical data and computer software. The information is used to identify and protect such data or computer software from unauthorized release or disclosure; to facilitate public use of technical data and computer software developed at Government expense; and to enable contracting officers to determine whether the Government has otherwise paid to obtain rights in the technical data or computer software.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and small businesses or organizations.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,566,939.

Number of Responses: 10,560,868.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 32 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Title 10, U.S.C. Chapter 137 requires that the Department of Defense recognize and protect contractor rights in technical data and computer software developed with private funds. The clauses at DFARS 252.227-7013, 252.227-7014, 252.227-7017, and 252.227-7018 require identification and marking of such data or software to specify the Government's rights therein and to prevent its unauthorized disclosure or release.

DFARS 252.227-7013 and 252.227-7018 require that, prior to receiving Government-furnished technical data in which the Government does not have unlimited rights, the recipient of such data execute a "Use and Disclosure Agreement." DFARS 252.227-7014 contains a similar requirement regarding release of computer software.

DFARS 252.227-7036 requires contractors to furnish written assurance, at the time technical data is delivered or made available under the terms of a contract, that the technical data is complete and accurate and satisfies the applicable contract requirement.

DFARS 252.227-7019 and 252.227-7037 require contractors and subcontractors to maintain adequate records to justify any asserted restrictions on the Government's rights to use or release technical data or computer software, and to be prepared to furnish a justification of the asserted restrictions upon Government challenge thereof.

DFARS 252.227-7025 requires contractors and subcontractors at any tier to obtain data a "Use and Disclosure Agreement" from any subcontractor or supplier prior to releasing or disclosing to such persons any Government-furnished information marked with a restrictive legend.

DFARS 252.227-7028 requires offerors to identify any technical data or computer software that the offeror has previously delivered, or is obligated to deliver, under any Federal agency contract.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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