

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 24, 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 Costa Rica and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on May 22, 1997, you are directed to increase the Guaranteed Access Levels (GALS) for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category      | Guaranteed Access Level |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 347/348 ..... | 2,300,000 dozen.        |
| 447 .....     | 10,000 dozen.           |

The limits for the foregoing categories remain unchanged.

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

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Petition Requesting Development of Safety Standard for Escalators

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has received a petition from Scott and Diana Anderson for development of a safety standard for escalators. The petition alleges that escalators are associated with unreasonable risks of serious injuries resulting from entrapment of feet, toes, and other body parts in openings between the moving stairs and the sides of escalators. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

**DATES:** Comments on the petition and the report should be received in the Office of the Secretary by July 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, preferably in five copies, should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland

20814; telephone (301) 504-0800. Alternatively, comments may be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov). Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 97-1 Requesting Development of a Safety Standard for Escalators." A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission has docketed a submission from Scott and Diana Anderson requesting development of a safety standard for escalators as a petition for rulemaking under the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*).

The petition requests development of a standard containing requirements to prevent entrapment of feet, toes, and other body parts in openings between the moving stairs and the sides of escalators and requirements for signs to warn consumers of risks of injury associated with escalators. The Commission solicits written comments on this petition from all interested persons through July 21, 1997.

A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the petition by calling or writing to Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Title, Associated Forms, and OMB Number:** Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) Medical Information Collection; DD Forms 2351, 2370, 2372, 2374, 2375, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2480, 2489, and 2492; OMB Number 0704-[to be determined].

**Type of Request:** New Collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 19,000.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 19,900.

**Average Burden per Response:** 60 minutes.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 19,000.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collection requirement is necessary to determine the medical qualification of applicants to the five Service academies, the Four Year Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship Program, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Army, Navy, and Air Force Scholarship Program. The completed forms are processed through medical reviewers representing their respective Services to determine a medical qualification status. Associated forms may or may not be required depending on the medical information contained in the examination. If the medical examination and necessary associated forms are not accomplished, individuals reviewing the medical qualification status cannot be readily assured of the medical status of the individual. Without this process the individual applying to any of these programs could not have the medical qualification determination essential to ensure compliance with the physical standards established for the respective military service program.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Ms. Allison Eydt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Eydt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD Health Affairs, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**DoD Clearance Officer:** Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: May 16, 1997.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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