

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (DoC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), Washington, DC 20231, telephone number (703) 305-9285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

In the interest of national security, patent laws and rules place certain limitations on the disclosure of information contained in patents and patent applications and on the filing of applications for patent in foreign countries. The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) collects information to determine whether the patent laws and rules have been complied with, and to grant licenses to file abroad when appropriate.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, facsimile or hand carry when the applicant or agent files a patent application with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) or submits subsequent papers during the prosecution of the application to the PTO.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651-0034.  
*Type of Review:* Renewal without change.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other non-profit, not-for-profit institutions and Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,156.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 0.5 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 1,078.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$188,650—no capital

expenses will need to be expended to provide information.

**IV. Request for Comments**

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 shall have practical utility; Subcommittee (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Colombia**

July 23, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 29, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. 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); the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for category 443 is being increased for shift and carryover, decreasing the limit for category 315 to account for the shift.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 58038, published on November 12, 1996.

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 MOUs, 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**

July 23, 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 textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Colombia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on July 29, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC):

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
315 .....	21,602,483 square meters.
443 .....	148,446 numbers.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

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

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