

ACTION: Seeking public comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement with the Governments of Korea and Singapore.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3821.

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 Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) allows foreign governments to electronically transfer shipment information to the U.S. Customs Service on textile and apparel shipments subject to quantitative restrictions. On November 9, 1995, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 56576) seeking public comments on the implementation of ELVIS. Subsequently, documents published on December 31, 1996 (61 FR 69082) and December 13, 1996 (61 FR 65548) announced that, starting on January 1, 1997, the Governments of Korea and Singapore would begin a six-month ELVIS test implementation phase. This test phase does not eliminate the requirement for a valid paper visa to accompany each shipment for entry into the United States.

As a result of successful use of the dual visa system, preparations are under way to move beyond the current dual system to the paperless ELVIS system with Korea and Singapore. However, exempt goods will still require a proper and correct exempt certification.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements is requesting interested parties to submit comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement for Korea and Singapore and utilization of the ELVIS system exclusively. Comments must be received on or before November 4, 1997. Comments may be mailed to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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).

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Consolidation and Amendment of Export Visa Requirements to Include the Electronic Visa Information System for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines; Correction

August 29, 1997.

In a notice document published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1997 (62 FR 43993) beginning on page 43993, make the following corrections in the letter to the Commissioner of Customs:

1. Third column, 2nd paragraph of letter, line 19, add "200-239."

2. Third column, 2nd paragraph of letter, line 21, delete "(but not Categories 355, 356, 655, 656, 455, 371 and 671)."

3. First column on page 43994, end of last paragraph of letter, add "A replacement visa may be issued by the Embassy of the Philippines in Washington, DC."

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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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 will include matters related to the enhancement of Labor-Management Partnerships throughout DoD.

DATES: The meeting is to be held October 1, 1997, in room 1E801, Conference Room 7, the Pentagon, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Comments should be received by September 22, 1997, in order to be considered at the October 1 meeting.

ADDRESSES: We invite 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-serve 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: August 29, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or