

## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

October 7, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice printed on purple guilloche pattern background paper.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

#### 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 Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China have agreed to amend the existing export visa requirements to provide for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice, issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China, for shipments of goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China on and after January 1, 1998. The new license/invoice shall be printed on purple guilloche patterned background paper with the map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The new form has perforated tractor feeds on both sides, and the pattern of the paper has smaller intersecting waves. The purple form replaces the light grey export license/commercial invoice currently in use. The visa stamp is not being changed at this time.

Shipments of textile and apparel products which are produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1998 through February 28, 1998 may be accompanied by a visa printed on either the light grey background paper or the purple background paper as described above. Both the light grey and the purple forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

See 60 FR 22567, published on May 8, 1995.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 7, 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 May 3, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive establishes an export visa arrangement for certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 1998, you are directed to amend the May 3, 1995 directive to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on purple guilloche patterned background paper with a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The new form has perforated tractor feeds on both sides, and the pattern of the paper has smaller intersecting waves. The purple form will replace the light grey form currently being used.

To facilitate implementation of this amendment to the export licensing system, I request that you permit entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1998 through February 28, 1998, for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has issued an export license/commercial invoice printed on either the light grey background paper or the purple background paper as described above. Both the light grey and the purple forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Goods exported on and after March 1, 1998 must be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China only on the purple license/invoice form.

The requirements for ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) remain unchanged.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

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,

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

#### Meeting Notice; Sunshine Act Meeting

##### AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., November 3, 1997.

**PLACE:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Board of Regents Conference Room (D3001), 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-47999.

**STATUS:** Open—under "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)).

##### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

8:30 a.m. Meeting—Board of Regents

- (1) Approval of Minutes—August 4, 1997
- (2) Faculty Matters
- (3) Departmental Reports
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Report—President, USUHS
- (6) Report—Dean, School of Medicine
- (7) Report—Dean, Graduate School of Nursing
- (8) Comments—Chairman, Board of Regents
- (9) New Business

##### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Bobby D. Anderson, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, (301) 295-3116.

Dated: October 9, 1997.

**Linda Bynum,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The 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 December 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill,