

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Temporary Suspension of Export Visa and Certification Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Haiti

November 21, 1997

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending export visa and certification requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 24, 1997.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Effective on November 24, 1997, and until further notice, textile products which are produced or manufactured in Haiti and exported from Haiti, regardless of the date of export, shall not be denied entry for the lack of a visa or certification. This is a temporary measure which is being taken by the U.S. Government and which only waives the requirements to present a visa or certification with the shipment. It does not waive other documentation requirements.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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November 21, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This letter refers to the directive of February 19, 1987 from the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements establishing visa and certification requirements for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products from Haiti. That letter directed you to prohibit entry into the United States for consumption or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Haiti, which are not visaed or certified in accordance with procedures described in the letter.

Effective on November 24, 1997, and until further notice, you are directed not to deny

entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in Haiti and exported from Haiti, regardless of the date of export, for lack of a visa or certification. This is a temporary measure which is being taken by the U.S. Government and which only waives the requirements to present a visa or certification with the shipment. It does not waive other documentation requirements.

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

[OMB Control Number 0704-0229]

Notice of 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 (Pub. L. 104-13), 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 estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including 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 June 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD

3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfarsacq.osd.mil.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, 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 Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Foreign Acquisition—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement part 225 and Related Clauses at 252.225, DD Form 2139, OMB Control Number 0704-0229.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to information collection requirements used to ensure contractor compliance with restrictions on the acquisition of foreign products imposed by statute or policy to protect the industrial base. Other information is required for compliance with U.S. trade agreements and Memoranda of Understanding, which promote reciprocal trade with U.S. allies, and for inclusion in reports to the Department of Commerce on the Balance of Payments Program.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 74,333 hours.

Number of Respondents: 31,347.

Responses per Respondent:

Approximately 7.

Number of Responses: 224,262.

Average Burden per Response: .33 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

- *DFARS 252.225-7000*, Buy American Act-Balance of Payments Program Certificate, as prescribed in 225.109(a), requires the offeror to identify in its proposal supplies that do not meet the definition of domestic end product, separately listing qualifying and nonqualifying country end products.

- *DFARS 252.225-7003*, Information for Duty-Free Entry Evaluation, as prescribed in 225.605-70(e), requires a check in paragraph (a) as to whether the