

11, 1997; and 62 FR 67625, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 23, 1998.

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 December 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported during the twelve-month period which begins on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998.

Effective on January 29, 1998, discharge printed fabric classified in Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035, 5209.51.6032 (Category 313), 5209.51.6015 (Category 314), 5208.52.4055 (Category 315), 5208.59.2085 (Category 317), 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015 (Category 326) which is produced or manufactured in Indonesia and imported on or after January 1, 1998 will no longer be subject to visa and ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) requirements and will not be subject to 1998 limits, pursuant to exchange of notes dated December 10, 1997 and January 9, 1998. The new designation for Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 will be part-category 313-O¹, 314-O², 315-O³, 317-O⁴, 326-O⁵, respectively.

The 1998 quota levels established for Categories 313, 314, 315 and 317/617/326 remain the same for the newly established part-Categories 313-O, 314-O, 315-O and 317-O/617/326-O.

Also effective on January 29, 1998, you are directed to amend further the directive dated May 19, 1987 to require a part-category visa and ELVIS transmission for Categories 313-O, 314-O, 315-O, 317-O and 326-O, produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported on or after January 1, 1998. Products in Category 617 shall continue to require a 617 visa and ELVIS transmission. Products currently visaed as merged Categories 317/617/326 which are exported from Indonesia on or after January 1, 1998 must be accompanied by either a 317-O/617/326-O merged category visa and ELVIS transmission or the correct category visa and ELVIS transmission (317-O, 326-O or 617) corresponding to the actual shipment. There

will be a grace period from January 1, 1998 through February 14, 1998 during which products exported from Indonesia in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa and ELVIS transmission. During the grace period, products visaed in merged Categories 317/617/326 may be accompanied by a 317-O/617/326-O merged category visa and ELVIS transmission, a 317/617/326 merged whole category visa and ELVIS transmission, or the correct category visa and ELVIS transmission (317, 326, 617, 317-O or 326-O) corresponding to the actual shipment. A visa and ELVIS transmission will not be required for discharge printed fabric in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 imported on or after January 1, 1998, regardless of the date of export.

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

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to 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

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0006]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294)

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for a revision to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0006).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts

(Standard Form 294). A request for public comments was published at 62 FR 17597, April 10, 1997. No comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* March 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006, Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294), in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moss, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4764.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

In accordance with the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.), contractors receiving a contract for more than \$10,000 agree to have small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns participate in the performance of the contract as far as practicable. Contractors receiving a contract or a modification to a contract expected to exceed \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) must submit a subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for small, small disadvantaged business concerns, and women-owned small businesses. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and implemented in FAR subpart 19.7.

In conjunction with these plans, contractors must submit semiannual reports of their progress on Standard Form 294, Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 4,253; responses per respondent, 3.44; total annual responses, 14,631; preparation hours per response, 29.25; and total response burden hours, 428,035. Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006 in all correspondence.

¹ Category 313-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

² Category 314-O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

³ Category 315-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

⁴ Category 317-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

⁵ Category 326-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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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 April 7, 1998.

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. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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 waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary

of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 2, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Notice Inviting Proposals for Experimental Sites.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 500.

Burden Hours: 2,500.

Abstract: With this notice, the Secretary invites proposals to reinvent the administration of Federal student assistance programs through the use of the experimental sites authority (Section 487A(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended). The program is intended to encourage institutions to develop innovative strategies to improve Title IV program administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the

submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. 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.

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