

requirements set forth in this notice, Customs will continue to conduct a series of Post Entry Compliance reviews. These reviews will be conducted for entries made for the first quarter of 1998 and shall continue for each successive quarter. During the course of such a review, the participant must provide Customs officials with evidence, through the documents describes above, that all products entered under the Special Access Program qualify for Special Access Program treatment.

False or inaccurate representations made in the context of the Special Access Program may result in liability under U.S. laws prohibiting false or misleading statements, including 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 19 U.S.C. 1592. Moreover, participants may be suspended from participation in the Special Access Program for such representations, for failing to abide by the Special Access Program's record keeping requirements, or for otherwise violating the terms of the Program.

In the event of credible evidence that a participant has violated the terms of the Special Access Program, the Chairman of CITA will notify the participant in writing of the alleged violation. The participant will have 30 days to respond and/or request a meeting with CITA representatives to discuss the alleged violation. After reviewing the evidence and the participant's response, CITA will determine whether a violation occurred and what penalty, if any, is appropriate. Penalties may include temporary or permanent suspension from participation in the Special Access Program. In determining the appropriate penalty, CITA will consider all relevant factors, including the seriousness of the violation, previous violations by the participant, the experience of the participant with the Special Access Program, and the steps taken by the participant to prevent future violations.

CITA has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 30, 1998.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on May 15, 1990 for Costa Rica; February 25, 1987 for the Dominican Republic; January 6, 1995 for El Salvador; January 24, 1990 for Guatemala; July 18, 1996

for Honduras; and February 19, 1987 for Jamaica, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, for the Special Access Program.

Effective on May 4, 1998, for component parts exported from the United States on or after May 4, 1998, participants in the Special Access Program will no longer be required to file and present the Special Access/Special Regime Export Declaration (Form ITA-370P). For assembled products imported into the United States that were made from component parts exported from the United States on or after May 4, 1998, participants in the Special Access Program will no longer be required to file and present this form. The representations made at the time of entry of products alleged to qualify under the Special Access Program continue to be subject to federal law prohibiting false or misleading statements.

In order to determine that participants in the Special Access Program comply fully with the Special Access Program requirements, Customs will continue to conduct a series of Post Entry Compliance reviews. These reviews will be conducted for entries made for the first quarter of 1998 and shall continue for each successive quarter. During the course of such a review, the participant must provide Customs officials with evidence that all products entered under the Special Access Program qualify for Special Access Program treatment.

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,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 228, Bonds and Insurance, and Related Clauses at 252.228; OMB Number 0704-0216.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 49.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 49.

Average Burden Per Response: 17.53 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 859.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to information collections used by DoD claims investigators to determine the amount and extent of claims placed against the Government and by DoD contracting officers to assess whether a contractor, other than a Spanish contractor or subcontractor, performing a service or construction contract in Spain, has insurance adequate to cover the risk assumed by the contractor or subcontractor. DFARS 252.228-7000, Reimbursement for War-Hazard Losses, requires the contractor to provide notice and supporting documentation to the Government regarding claims or potential claims under the clause. DFARS 252.228-7005, Accident Reporting and Investigation Involving Aircraft, Missiles, and Space Launch Vehicles, requires the contractor to report promptly to the Administrative Contracting Officer all pertinent facts relating to each accident involving an aircraft, missile, or space launch vehicle being manufactured, modified, repaired, or overhauled in connection with the contract. DFARS 252.228-7006, Compliance with Spanish Laws and Insurance, requires the contractor to provide a written representation that the contractor has obtained the required types of insurance in the minimum amounts specified in the clause. This information is obtained from contractors under service or construction contracts to be performed in Spain by other than Spanish contractors or subcontractors.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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