

## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Amendment of Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

May 27, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 31, 1998.

**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 May 31, 1998, textile products in Categories 342/642, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported on or after May 31, 1998, will no longer require a visa. In addition, products in Categories 342/642 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 55 FR 3079, published on January 30, 1990.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 27, 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 January 24, 1990, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Guatemala which were not properly visaed by the Government of Guatemala.

Effective on May 31, 1998, you are directed to no longer require a visa for shipments of textile products in Categories 342/642 which are produced or manufactured in Guatemala

and exported on or after May 31, 1998. In addition, products in Categories 342/642 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall 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

### 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 247, Transportation, and the clauses at 252.247-7000, 252.247-7001, 252.247-7002, 252.247-7007, 252.247-7022, 252.247-7023, and 252.247-7024; OMB Number 0704-0245.

**Type of Request:** Revision.  
**Number of Respondents:** 102,624.  
**Responses per Respondent:** 2.9.  
**Annual Responses:** 302,625.  
**Average Burden per Response:** 0.5 hours.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 152,320.  
**Needs and Uses:** This information collection is used by contracting officers in applying transportation and traffic management considerations in the acquisition of supplies, and in acquiring transportation or transportation-related services. This revision reflects a transfer of reporting requirements currently approved under OMB Control Number 0704-0187 that more appropriately belong under this clearance. The information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 247, Transportation. DFARS 252.247.7000(a) requires contractors for stevedoring services to notify the contracting officer of unusual conditions associated with loading or unloading a particular cargo for potential adjustment of the contract labor rates. DFARS 252.247-7001 requires contractors for stevedoring services, under contracts awarded using

sealed bidding procedures, to notify the contracting officer of certain changes in the wage rates or benefits that apply to its direct labor employees, for potential adjustment to the existing contract commodity, activity, or work-hour prices. DFARS 252.247-7002 permits contractors for stevedoring services, under contracts awarded using negotiation procedures, to deliver a written demand that the parties negotiate to revise the prices under the contract, DFARS 252.247-7007(f) requires contractors for stevedoring services to furnish the contracting officer with satisfactory evidence of insurance before performance of any work under the contract. DFARS 252.247-7022 requires the offeror to represent whether it anticipates that supplies will be transported by sea in the performance of any resulting contract or subcontract. DFARS 252.247-7023(c) requires the contractor to submit a written request to the contracting officer for use of other than U.S. flag vessels in the performance of the contract. DFARS 252.247-7023(d) requires the contractor to submit to the contracting officer, one copy of the rated on board vessel operating carrier's ocean bill of lading. DFARS 252.247-7023(e) requires the contractor to provide, with its final invoice, a representation that: (1) no ocean transportation was used in the performance of the contract; (2) only U.S. flag vessels were used for all ocean shipments under the contract; (3) the contractor had the written consent of the contracting officer for all non-U.S.-flag ocean transportation; or (4) shipments were made on non-U.S.-flag vessels without the written consent of the contracting officer. DFARS 252.247-7024(a) requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer when the contractor learns that supplies are to be transported by sea and the contractor indicated, in response to the solicitation, that it did not anticipate transporting any supplies by sea.

**Affected Public:** Business or Other For-Profit, Not-For-Profit Institutions.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's 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,