

serious repercussions. The digital divide threatens to impede the health of our communities, development of a skilled workforce, and the economic welfare of our nation.

On December 9, 1999, the Secretary of Commerce, William M. Daley, will host a Digital Divide Summit, focused on expanding access to information technologies for underserved populations and areas. Secretary Daley will lead the dialogue among participants from the U.S. Government, technology industry, civil rights and non-profit communities, grass-roots community organizations, and the general public. The participants will examine existing public and private initiatives aimed at closing the technology gap and will discuss how to expand upon and coordinate these efforts. Closing the digital divide is an essential part of President Clinton's New Markets Initiative, which seeks to bring America's prosperity to economically underserved areas.

The Digital Summit will be held at the Department of Commerce and will include an address by Secretary Daley; a roundtable discussion with representatives from the public and private sectors; and six breakout sessions. The topics of these smaller sessions include Technology and Economic Development in Underserved Areas; Sustainable Public Access Points; Lowering Barriers to Access through New Product Development; Marketing to and Content for Underserved Populations; Rural Communities—Targeted Solutions; and Workforce Development—Training and Education.

Agenda:

7:30–8:30 a.m. Registration, Lobby
 8:30–9:50 a.m. Breakout Sessions, Various Rooms
 9:50–10:00 a.m. Break
 10:15–10:30 a.m. Secretary Daley, Remarks, Main Auditorium
 10:30–12:30 a.m. Roundtable, Audience Questions, Main Auditorium
 12:30–12:40 p.m. Secretary Daley, Closing, Main Auditorium

The agenda is subject to change. For current agenda information, please see the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/digitaldivide/summit/>.

Public Participation: The Digital Divide Summit is open to the public and physically accessible to people with disabilities. To enter the Commerce Department building, you must have photo identification available and/or a

U.S. Government building pass if applicable. To facilitate entry, you should also bring your registration form with you, if available. Any member of the public wishing to attend and requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Sarah Maloney, NTIA, U.S. Department of Commerce, at least five (5) working days prior to the Summit, at either telephone number (202) 482–1835 or electronic mail at smaloney@ntia.doc.gov.

Registration: Information about paper and electronic registration for the Digital Divide Summit will be available on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/digitaldivide/summit/>. Or contact Jeffrey Joyner, NTIA, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 4713, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482–1816; facsimile (202) 501–8013; or electronic mail digitaldivide@ntia.doc.gov. Please indicate on the registration form which breakout session you wish to attend. In addition, space is provided at the end of the registration material if you would like to share a description of activities you are undertaking on ideas you have to address the digital divide. You can also raise questions or concerns that relate to the topic. We will collect and distribute these ideas and questions to Summit participants.

National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Cambodian Labor Law and Standards Pursuant to the U.S.-Cambodia Bilateral Textile Agreement

November 3, 1999.

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

ACTION: Notice concerning Cambodian labor law and standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on categories for

which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482–3740.

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.

A notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 1999 (see 64 FR 6050) outlined the bilateral textile agreement of January 20, 1999 in which the Governments of the United States and Cambodia agreed to limits for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Cambodia and exported to the United States during three one-year periods beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 2001.

Pursuant to the bilateral textile agreement, the United States must make a determination by December 1, 1999 as to whether working conditions in the Cambodian textile and apparel sector substantially comply with Cambodian labor law and internationally recognized core labor standards. If the United States makes a positive determination, textile and apparel specific limits will be increased for the subsequent agreement year.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding this matter is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Becky Geiger. The deadline for receipt of comments is November 19, 1999.

Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption to the rulemaking provisions contained in 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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