

The conversion factor for merged Categories 638/639 is 12.96 (square meters equivalent/category unit).

Pursuant to the February 1, 1997 MOU and in accordance with a letter to the Government of the People's Republic of China dated May 4, 1998, you are directed to charge the following amounts to the 2000 limits for categories listed below:

| Category      | Amount to be charged |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 331 .....     | 82,122 dozen pairs.  |
| 341 .....     | 80 dozen.            |
| 347/348 ..... | 518 dozen.           |
| 351 .....     | 62 dozen.            |
| 352 .....     | 7,692 dozen.         |
| 631 .....     | 30,700 dozen pairs.  |
| 636 .....     | 101 dozen.           |
| 641 .....     | 1,309 dozen.         |
| 647 .....     | 25 dozen.            |
| 649 .....     | 3,061 dozen.         |
| 652 .....     | 6,372 dozen.         |

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

RIN 3038-AB43

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Approved Collection; Comment Request; Off-Exchange Agricultural Trade Options

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the following collection of information: OMB Control Number 3038-0048, Off-Exchange Agricultural Trade Options, expiration date November 30, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly Browning, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581; Telephone: (202) 418-5260, FAX (202) 418-5527, email [kbrowning@cftc.gov](mailto:kbrowning@cftc.gov); and refer to OMB Control Number 3038-0048.

**Abstract:** In April 1998, the CFTC removed the prohibition on off-exchange trade options on the enumerated agricultural commodities subject to a number of regulatory requirements. 63 FR 18821 (Apr. 16, 1998). This collection of information reflects the Commission's subsequent action to streamline the regulatory and paperwork burdens in order to increase the utility of agricultural trade options while maintaining basic customer protections. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory pursuant to Section 4c(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

The estimated average burden of the collection is as follows:

*Estimated number of respondents:* 3,605.

*Estimated total of annual responses:* 4,115.

*Estimated total number of hours of annual burden in fiscal year:* 23,015.

*Estimated average number of hours per response:* 5.59.

The Commission welcomes comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimated and any suggestions for reducing the burden.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Barbara W. Black, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington DC 20581; telephone (202) 418-5130; FAX (202) 418-5541; email [bblack@cftc.gov](mailto:bblack@cftc.gov).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 31, 1999 (64 FR 47452).

Issued by the Commission in Washington, DC, on December 6, 1999.

**Jean A. Webb,**

Secretary of the Commission.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

RIN 3038-AB45

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Approved Collection; Comment Request; Rules, Regulations, and Forms for Domestic and Foreign Futures and Options Relating to Registration with the Commission

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the following collection of information: OMB Control Number 3038-0023, Rules, Regulations, and Forms for Domestic and Foreign Futures and Options Relating to Registration with the Commission, expiration date November 30, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Elliot, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581; Telephone: (202) 418-5464, FAX (202) 418-5536, email [selliot@cftc.gov](mailto:selliot@cftc.gov) and refer to OMB Control Number 3038-0023.

**Abstract:** On August 26, 1999, the CFTC published a notice of proposed rulemaking (64 FR 46613) proposing to adopt amendments to Part 30 of the Commission's regulations to clarify when foreign futures and options brokers who are members of a foreign board of trade must register or obtain an exemption from registration. This collection of information reflects the Commission's proposal to codify some of the interpretations and positions the Commission has taken regarding registration requirements under these rules. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory pursuant to Sections 2(a)(1)(A), 4(b), and 4c of the Commodity Exchange Act.

The estimated average burden of the collection is as follows:

*Estimated number of respondents:* 73,610.

*Estimated total annual responses:* 76,860.

*Estimated total number of hours of annual burden in fiscal year:* 12,645.

*Estimated average number of hours per response:* 0.16.

The Commission welcomes comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Barbara W. Black, Commodity Futures Trading