

see 64 FR 54871, published on October 8, 1999.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 31, 2000.

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 October 4, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on April 6, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and Nepal:

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹ |
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| 336/636 | 334,217 dozen. |
| 340 | 478,914 dozen. |
| 342/642 | 291,570 dozen. |
| 347/348 | 907,501 dozen. |
| 640 | 115,279 dozen. |
| 641 | 247,762 dozen. |

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

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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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Petition HP 00-3 Requesting a Ban of Candle Wicks Containing Lead and of Candles Containing Such Wicks

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission has received two submissions, one from Public Citizen and one jointly from the National Apartment Association (NAA) and the National Multi Housing Council

(NMHC), that contain requests that the Commission ban lead-containing candles and wicks sold for candle-making that contain lead. These requests have been docketed collectively as a petition under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) (Petition No. HP 00-3). The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition from all interested parties.

DATES: Comments on the petition should be received in the Office of the Secretary by June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition HP 00-3—Candle Wicks Containing Lead." Copies of the petition are available by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Docket Control and Communications Specialist, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0800 ext. 1502.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Commission has received two submissions, one from Public Citizen and one jointly from the National Apartment Association (NAA) and the National Multi Housing Council (NMHC), that request the Commission to ban lead-containing candles and wicks sold for candle-making that contain lead. These have been docketed collectively as a petition under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) (Petition No. HP 00-3). The submissions argue that the lead in candle wicks produces hazardous combustion materials when the candles are used, creating a lead poisoning hazard for occupants, particularly children.

Public Citizen's submission also asked that the Commission recall such products. This request has not been docketed as part of the petition because this action does not require rulemaking. (This request will be considered separately by the Office of Compliance.) In addition, Public Citizen's submission asked that the Commission ban candles in metal containers that contain lead. This request has not been docketed as part of the petition because the submission did not provide facts to

explain why such action is necessary, as required by the Commission's rules for petitions, 16 CFR 1051.5(a)(4).

The Commission solicits comments on the petition, particularly regarding the potential costs and benefits of the requested rule.

Comments to CPSC should be mailed, preferably in five copies, to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland; telephone (301) 504-0800. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition HP 00-3—Candle Wicks Containing Lead."

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition from the CPSC's website at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. A copy of the petition is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Agenda and Priorities/ Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); Public Hearing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 2002, which begins October 1, 2001, and about its current strategic plan, to be revised and submitted to Congress September 30, 2000, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2002, and strategic plan will become part of the public record.

DATES: The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 22, 2000. The Office of the Secretary must receive written comments and requests from members of the public desiring to make oral presentations not later than May 8, 2000. Persons desiring to make oral presentations at this hearing must submit a written text of their presentations not later than May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be in room 420 of the East-West Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments, requests to make oral presentations, and texts of oral presentations should be captioned "Agenda, Priorities and Strategic Plan" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments, requests, and texts of oral presentations may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the hearing, a copy of the strategic plan, or to request an opportunity to make an oral presentation, call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800; telefacsimile (301) 504-0127; or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. The strategic plan can also be obtained from the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4(j) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2053(j)) requires the Commission to establish an agenda for action under the laws it administers, and, to the extent feasible, to select priorities for action at least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. Section 4(j) of the CPSA provides further that before establishing its agenda and priorities, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for the submission of comments. In addition, section 306(d) of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) (5 U.S.C. 306(d)) requires the Commission to seek comments from interested parties on the agency's strategic plan. The plan provides an overall guide to the formulation of future agency actions and budget requests. A revised strategic plan will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress not later than September 30, 2000.

The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to submit their budget requests 13 months before the beginning of each fiscal year. The

Commission is formulating its budget request for fiscal year 2002, which begins on October 1, 2001. This budget request must reflect the contents of the agency's strategic plan developed under GPRA.

Accordingly, the Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 22, 2000, to receive comments from the public concerning its GPRA strategic plan, and agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2002. The Commissioners desire to obtain the views of a wide range of interested persons including consumers; manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products; members of the academic community; consumer advocates; and health and safety officers of state and local governments.

The Commission is charged by Congress with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. The Commission enforces and administers the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*); the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261 *et seq.*); the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*); the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (15 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.*); and the Refrigerator Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 1211 *et seq.*). Standards and regulations issued under provisions of those statutes are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, chapter II.

While the Commission has broad jurisdiction over products used by consumers, its staff and budget are limited. Section 4(j) of the CPSA expresses Congressional direction to the Commission to establish an agenda for action each fiscal year and, if feasible, to select from that agenda some of those projects for priority attention. These priorities are reflected in the current strategic plan developed under GPRA.

Persons who desire to make oral presentations at the hearing on May 22, 2000, should call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, telefax (301) 504-0127, or e-mail, cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, no later than May 8, 2000. Persons who desire a copy of the current strategic plan may call or write Rockelle Hammond, office of the Secretary, CPSC, Washington DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, (301) 504-0127, or may obtain it from the Commission's website at www.cpsc.gov.

Presentations should be limited to approximately ten minutes. Persons desiring to make presentations must submit the written text of their presentations to the Office of the Secretary not later than May 15, 2000.

The Commission reserves the right to impose further time limitations on all presentations and further restrictions to avoid duplication of presentations. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 22, 2000 and will conclude the same day.

The Office of the Secretary should receive written comments on the Commission's strategic plan, and agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2002, not later than May 8, 2000.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics)/Office of the Director, International Cooperation.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, International Cooperation, announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Director, International Cooperation, Attention: Mr. Roger Golden, 3070 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information on this proposed information collection or to