

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.

Upon a request from the Government of Costa Rica, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current guaranteed access level for Category 447.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 79343, published on December 19, 2000.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 14, 2001.

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 December 13, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Costa Rica and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on June 25, 2001, you are directed to increase the guaranteed access level (GAL) for Category 447 to 14,000 dozen.

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Denial of Short Supply Request under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)**

June 20, 2001.

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

ACTION: Denial of the petition for modification of the NAFTA rules of origin for products made from yarn of cashmere and yarn of camel hair.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martin Walsh, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Section 202(q) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3332(q)); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

SUMMARY:

On February 28, 2001 the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Amicale Industries, Inc. alleging that yarn of cashmere and yarn of camel hair, classified in heading 5108.10.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that the President proclaim a modification of the NAFTA rules of origin. Such a proclamation may be made only after reaching agreement with the other NAFTA countries on the modification. As a result, CITA published a Federal Register Notice on March 12, 2001 (66 FR 14358) requesting public comments on the petition. These comments were due April 11, 2001. Based on current available information, CITA has determined that these products can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and therefore denies the petition.

BACKGROUND: Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), NAFTA countries are required to eliminate customs duties on textile and apparel goods that qualify as originating goods under the NAFTA rules of origin, which are set out in Annex 401 to the NAFTA. The NAFTA provides that the rules of origin for textile and apparel products may be amended through a subsequent agreement by the NAFTA countries. In consultations regarding such a change, the NAFTA countries are to consider issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the free trade area and whether domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the good in a timely manner. The Statement of Administrative Action (SAA) that accompanied the NAFTA Implementation Act stated that any interested person may submit to CITA a

request for a modification to a particular rule of origin based on a change in the availability in North America of a particular fiber, yarn or fabric and that the requesting party would bear the burden of demonstrating that a change is warranted. The SAA provides that CITA may make a recommendation to the President regarding a change to a rule of origin for a textile or apparel good. The NAFTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the NAFTA rules of origin as are necessary to implement an agreement with one or more NAFTA country on such a modification.

On February 28, 2001 the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Amicale Industries, Inc. alleging that yarn of cashmere and yarn of camel hair, classified in HTSUS heading 5108.10.60, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that the President proclaim a modification of the NAFTA rules of origin. Amicale Industries requests that the NAFTA rules of origin for fabrics of HTSUS heading 5111 and for woven apparel of Chapter 62 be modified to permit the use of non-North American yarns of cashmere or yarns of camel hair classified in HTS heading 5108.10.60.

CITA solicited public comments regarding this request (66 FR 14358, published on March 12, 2001) particularly with respect to whether yarn of cashmere and yarn of camel hair, classified in HTSUS heading 5108.10.60, can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

On the basis of currently available information, CITA has determined that yarn of cashmere and yarn of camel hair is spun in the United States and is available from U.S. producers in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Two companies in their submissions claim that they currently spin the yarns in question. Two other companies in their submissions claim to have the spinning capacity to produce these yarns. One company in its submission claims it supplies cashmere and camel hair fibers to companies that spin it into yarn and claims that three additional companies are capable of supplying cashmere and camel hair yarn to the petitioner.

Based on currently available information, CITA has determined that Amicale's petition should be denied. Amicale has not established that these yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Currently available information indicates that the

domestic industry is able to supply these yarns in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed 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 August 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of System Accountability, Attn: Dr. Janet Rope, Department of Defense Education Activity, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call the Office of System Accountability at (703) 696-4471.

Title and OMB Control Number: DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Students, OMB Control Number [to be determined].

Needs and Uses: The DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey is a tool used to measure the satisfaction level of

parents, students, and teachers with the programs and services provided by the DoD Education Activity (DoDEA), in order to meet DoD Reform Initiative Directive #23: Defense Agency Performance Contracts which states: "The Directors of the specified Agencies and Field Activities will submit a performance contract covering the period of the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP) FY 2000 through FY 2005. Each performance contract shall include measures of customer satisfaction with the goods and services provided by the Agency or Field Activity, including the timeliness of deliveries of products and services".

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 21,125 hours.

Number of Respondents: 169,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Biennially.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey is a tool used to measure the satisfaction level of parents, students, and teachers with the programs and services provided by the DoD Education Activity (DoDEA), in order to meet DoD Reform Initiative Directive #23: Defense Agency Performance Contracts which states: "The Directors of the specified Agencies and Field Activities will submit a performance contract covering the period of the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP) FY 2000 through FY 2005. Each performance contract shall include measures of customer satisfaction with the goods and services provided by the Agency or Field Activity, including the timeliness of deliveries of products and services".

The DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey will be administered to all parents and teachers within the DoDEA school system, as well as students in grades 4-12. The survey is completely voluntary and will be administered through an on-line, web-based technology. The survey questions were adapted from the Phi Delta Kappa/ Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward Schools in order to have national comparison data. Some questions were altered slightly so that the wording more closely matched the DoDEA experience, however, any alterations should not affect the interpretation and comparison to the national data. The survey will give parents, students and teachers an opportunity to comment on their level of satisfaction with programmatic issues related to DoD schools. Some of the

topics included on the survey are curriculum, communication, and technology. The surveys will be administered biennially.

The information derived from this survey will be used in the improvement planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts and areas will use the results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of their parents, students, and teachers which will be one of many measures used for further planning of programs and services offered to DoDEA's students. DoDEA system results will be used to monitor the strategic plan as well as be a part of the Director's performance contract with the DoD.

June 18, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement 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 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 August 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy/Military Community and Family Policy/MWR