

combed) wool woven fabric, stock-dyed (not piece-dyed) of wool yarns with an average fiber diameter of more than 18.5 microns, classified in subheading 5112.19.95 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in the production of men's suit-type jackets for suits classified in subheading 6203.31.9010 of the HTSUS and men's suits classified in subheading 6203.11.9000 of the HTSUS but excluding "morning dress", "evening dress" and "dinner jacket suits" (as defined in Note 3 (a) to Chapter 62 of the HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. It requests that these apparel articles of such fabrics be eligible for preferential treatment under the CBTPA. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether such fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. To be insured a full consideration, comments must be submitted by August 19, 2002, to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA; Section 6 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

Background

The CBTPA provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns and fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. The CBTPA also provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary country, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the

CBTPA and directed CITA to establish procedures to ensure appropriate public participation in any such determination. On March 6, 2001, CITA published procedures that it will follow in considering requests. (66 FR 13502).

On July 19, 2002, the Chairman of CITA received a request from Oxford Industries, Inc., alleging that certain 100 percent worsted (i.e., combed) wool woven fabric stock-dyed (not piece-dyed) of wool yarns with an average fiber diameter of more than 18.5 microns, classified in subheading 5112.19.95 of the HTSUS, for use in the production of men's suit-type jackets for suits classified in subheading 6203.31.9010 of the HTSUS and men's suits classified in subheading 6203.11.9000 of the HTSUS but excluding "morning dress", "evening dress" and "dinner jacket suits" (as defined in Note 3 (a) to Chapter 62 of the HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting quota- and duty-free treatment under the CBTPA for these apparel articles that are both cut and sewn in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Also relevant is whether other fabrics that are supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner are substitutable for these fabrics for purposes of the intended use. To be insured a full consideration, comments must be received no later than August 19, 2002. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, CITA will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the fabrics stating that it produces the fabrics that are the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA

will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Waiver of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for Certain Defense Items Produced in the United Kingdom

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of waiver of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for certain defense items produced in the United Kingdom.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) is waiving the limitation of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for certain defense items produced in the United Kingdom (UK). 10 U.S.C. 2534 limits DoD procurement of certain items to sources in the national technology and industrial base. The waiver will permit procurement of items enumerated from sources in the UK, unless otherwise restricted by statute.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This waiver is effective for one year, beginning August 19, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Cohen, OUSD (AT&L), Director of Defense Procurement, Foreign Contracting, Room 3C762, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060, telephone (703) 697-9352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Subsection (a) of 10 U.S.C. 2534 provides that the Secretary of Defense may procure the items listed in that subsection only if the manufacturer of the item is part of the national technology and industrial base. Subsection (i) of 10 U.S.C. 2534 authorizes the Secretary of Defense to exercise the waiver authority in subsection (d), on the basis of the applicability of paragraph (2) or (3) of that subsection, only if the waiver is made for a particular item listed in subsection (a) and for a particular foreign country. Subsection (d) authorizes a waiver if the Secretary determines that application of the limitation "would impede the reciprocal

procurement of defense items under a memorandum of understanding providing for reciprocal procurement of defense items” and if he determines that “that country does not discriminate against defense items produced in the United States to a greater degree than the United States discriminates against defense items produced in that country.” The Secretary of Defense has delegated the waiver authority of 10 U.S.C. 2534(d) to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

DoD has a reciprocal procurement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the UK that was signed on December 13, 1994.

The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) finds that the UK does not discriminate against defense items produced in the United States to a greater degree than the United States discriminates against defense items produced in the UK, and also finds that application of the limitation in 10 U.S.C. 2534 against defense items produced in the UK would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under the MOU.

Under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2534, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) has determined that application of the limitation of 10 U.S.C. 2534(a) to the procurement of any defense item produced in the UK that is listed below would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under the MOU with the UK.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) is waiving the limitation in 10 U.S.C. 2534(a) for procurements of any defense item listed below that is produced in the UK. This waiver applies only to the limitations in 10 U.S.C. 2534(a). It does not apply to any other limitation, including sections 8016 and 8065 of the DoD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107-117). This waiver applies to procurements under solicitations issued during the period from August 19, 2002, to August 18, 2003. Similar waivers were granted for the period from August 4, 1998, to August 18, 2002 (63 FR 38815, July 20, 1998; 64 FR 38896, July 20, 1999; 65 FR 47968, August 4, 2000; and 66 FR 40680, August 3, 2001). For contracts resulting from solicitations issued prior to August 4, 1998, this waiver applies to procurements of the defense items listed below under—

(1) Subcontracts entered into during the period from August 19, 2002, to August 18, 2003, provided the prime

contract is modified to provide the Government adequate consideration such as lower cost or improved performance; and

(2) Options that are exercised during the period from August 19, 2002, to August 18, 2003, if the option prices are adjusted for any reason other than the application of the waiver, and if the contract is modified to provide the Government adequate consideration such as lower cost or improved performance.

List of Items to Which This Waiver Applies

1. Air circuit breakers.
2. Welded shipboard anchor and mooring chain with a diameter of four inches or less.
3. Gyrocompasses.
4. Electronic navigation chart systems.
5. Steering controls.
6. Pumps.
7. Propulsion and machinery control systems.
8. Totally enclosed lifeboats.
9. Ball and roller bearings.

Michele P. Peterson,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Technology for Base Security will meet to review basic and advanced research and associated science and technology opportunities with respect to the following anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) issues: access control, automation, intrusion detection systems, consolidation of manpower, threat detection, counter-surveillance, situational awareness, and deterrence. From these discussions and review, the Panel will recommend appropriate naval science and technology investments both near and far term, to enhance base security. All sessions of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, August 14, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, August 15, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Ryan, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, (703) 696-6769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of a closed meeting is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to discussions of basic and advanced research and associated science and technology opportunities with respect to the following anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) issues: access control, automation, intrusion detection systems, consolidation of manpower, threat detection, counter-surveillance, situational awareness, and deterrence. These discussions will contain classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. The classified and non-classified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined as to preclude opening any portion of the meeting. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), the Under Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(1). Due to an unavoidable delay in administrative processing, the 15-day advance notice could not be provided.

Dated: July 30, 2002.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Floodplain and Wetlands Statement of Findings for the Proposed Deactivation and Demolition of the Zone 13 Sewage Treatment Plant at the Pantex Plant, Amarillo, TX

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Floodplain and wetlands statement of findings.

SUMMARY: This is a Floodplain and Wetlands Statement of Findings for the demolition of a decommissioned sewage