

**CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 63895, published on October 16, 2002.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

February 7, 2003.

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 9, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003.

Effective on February 14, 2003, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia dated November 7, 1997, as amended and extended by exchange of notes on June 22, 2000 and July 5, 2000:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
433 .....	25,815 dozen.
443 .....	180,355 numbers.
448 .....	64,809 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

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,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Petition HP 01-3 Requesting a Ban of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA)-Treated Wood in Playground Equipment**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) will conduct a public meeting on March 17, 2003 to receive comments on the CPSC staff briefing package on petition HP 01-3 requesting a ban of chromated copper arsenate (CCA)-treated wood in playground equipment. The CPSC staff will also brief the Commission on the package on that date.

The focus of the discussions will be the supporting information developed by CPSC staff that is described in the February 7, 2003 briefing package entitled *Petition to Ban Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA)-Treated Wood in Playground Equipment*. The Commission invites oral presentations from individuals, associations, firms, and government agencies with information or comments related to the briefing package. The Commission will evaluate these presentations in its deliberations on petition HP 01-3.

**DATES:** The CPSC staff will brief the Commission on the issues at 10 a.m. on March 17, 2003. Oral presentations by commenters will begin at 2 p.m. on that date. In the event that time constraints require it, the meeting may continue to the next day. No oral presentations will be permitted by persons who do not submit both a request to testify and the text of the presentation by February 28, 2003. Requests to make oral presentations, and 10 copies of the text of the presentation, must be received by the CPSC Office of the Secretary no later than February 28, 2003. Persons making presentations at the meeting should provide an additional 50 copies for dissemination on the date of the meeting.

Presentation texts should identify the author's affiliation with, or employment or sponsorship by, any entity with an interest in the petitioner's request that the Commission ban use of CCA-treated wood in playground equipment. The Commission reserves the right to limit the number of persons who make presentations and the duration of their presentations. To prevent similar presentations, groups will be directed to designate a spokesperson.

Written submissions, in addition to, or instead of, an oral presentation may be sent to the address listed below and will be accepted until March 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be in room 420 of the East-West Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD. Requests to make oral presentations, and texts of oral presentations should be captioned ACCA Ban Petition, Petition HP 01-3@ and be 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. Requests and texts of oral presentations may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail to *spsc-os@cpsc.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the purpose or subject matter of this meeting contact Patricia M. Bittner, M.S., Project Manager, Directorate for Health Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-7263; e-mail: *pbittner@cpsc.gov*. For information about the schedule for submission of requests to make oral presentations and submission of texts of oral presentations, contact Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-6833; fax (301) 504-0127; e-mail *rhammond@cpsc.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

By a submission dated May 22, 2001, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) and the Healthy Building Network (HBN) requested that the Commission enact a ban on use of chromated copper arsenate (CCA)-treated wood in playground equipment.<sup>1</sup> The submitters asserted that a ban is necessary because "[r]ecent research has shown that arsenic is more carcinogenic than previously recognized, that arsenic is present at significant concentrations on CCA-treated wood and in underlying soil, that the health risks posed by this wood are greater than previously recognized, and that past risk assessments were incomplete." On June 20, 2001, that request was docketed as petition HP 01-3 under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), 15 U.S.C. 1261-1278.

The Commission solicited public comment on the petition by Federal Register notice of July 13, 2001. 66 FR 36756. Twenty-eight comments were received by the close of the comment period on September 11, 2001. The staff also held a public meeting on August 6, 2001 with members of the American Chemistry Council (representing CCA chemical manufacturers) and the American Wood Preservers Institute. On October 3, 2001, the staff conducted a public meeting with representatives of the petitioners. The comments from the

<sup>1</sup> The submission also contained a request that the commission review the safety of CCA-treated wood for general use. Such a review would not require rulemaking to implement. Therefore, that request was not docketed as a petition for rulemaking.

wood industry, environmental groups, trade associations, consumers, and state and local governments discussed toxicity issues, health risks from exposure to CCA-treated wood, CCA-treated wood as a possible hazardous substance under the FHSA, the levels of dislodgeable arsenic present on the wood, the bioavailability of arsenic, exposure to arsenic in soil and groundcover, disposal issues, and whether the type of wood influences arsenic leaching.

The staff has completed its analysis of the petition and the comments received and has forwarded a briefing package to the Commission. The staff recommends that the Commission defer further action on the petition pending final action by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the request by the registrants of the CCA pesticide to cancel registrations for most, if not all, uses that involve treating wood for consumer uses, including for use in playground equipment.

#### B. The Public Meeting

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a forum for oral presentations on the CPSC staff briefing package on petition HP 01-3 and the materials that are described in the staff briefing package.

Participation in the meeting is open. See the **DATES** section of this notice for information on making requests to give oral presentations at the meeting and on making written submissions.

Dated: February 11, 2003.

#### Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Notice of Technical Assistance Conference Calls for Organizations Applying Directly to the Corporation for Funding Through the AmeriCorps\*National Program Grant

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of technical assistance conference calls.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") will be providing a series of technical assistance conference calls for organizations applying directly to the Corporation for funding through the AmeriCorps\*National Program. If you are applying for funding via a state

commission, instead of applying directly to the Corporation, please contact your commission for assistance using the following link to choose your state and then find your state commission: [http://www.nationalservice.org/about/family/commissions\\_pick.html](http://www.nationalservice.org/about/family/commissions_pick.html).

#### Part A. AmeriCorps\*National Guidelines and Application Instructions

We will hold a series of technical assistance calls to review the 2003-2004 AmeriCorps\*National Application Instructions. Non-profit organizations intending to submit an application for an AmeriCorps\*National program grant, to operate a program in two or more states, may participate in these calls. Participation in these calls is optional. The 2003-2004 AmeriCorps Guidelines and AmeriCorps\*National Application Instructions are posted on our Web site at: <http://www.americorps.org/resources/guidelines2003.html>.

These calls will be recorded and available for replay. Call dates and times are as follows.

- For organizations applying for NEW AmeriCorps\*National program grants: March 11, 2003, 1-2:30 p.m. EST.

- For organizations applying for AmeriCorps\*National PLANNING grants: March 12, 2003, 1-2:30 p.m. EST.

- For existing AmeriCorps\*National Grantees applying for CONTINUATION grants: March 26, 2003, 1-2:30 p.m. EST.

To Register for a Call: Select one of the call dates specified above, then contact Sueko Kumagai via e-mail ([skumagai@cns.gov](mailto:skumagai@cns.gov)) or phone (202-606-5000, ext. #418) with your selected date. Please register no later than 3 days prior to your selected call.

#### Part B. AmeriCorps\*National Application Toolkit Technical Assistance Calls

We will hold a series of technical assistance calls reviewing application toolkits. We have developed the toolkits to assist applicants with the performance measurement, tutoring, and faith-based and community initiative aspects of program design. Non-profit organizations intending to submit an application to the Corporation for an AmeriCorps\*National program grant, to operate a program in two or more states, may participate in these calls. Participation in these calls is optional.

These calls will be recorded and available for replay. Call dates and times are as follows. Call-in information and

replay information are provided for each call.

- Performance Measurement Toolkit Technical Assistance Conference Calls

Tuesday, February 18, 3 p.m. EST—for NEW AmeriCorps\*National Applicants

Toll-Free Number: (888) 723-9816.

PassCode: toolkit

Leader's Name: Sueko Kumagai

Replay Number: (800) 835-8069. Replay available until: February 25, 2003, 3 p.m. EST

Tuesday, February 25, 4 p.m. EST—for current AmeriCorps\*National Grantees

Leader's Name: Sueko Kumagai.

PassCode: toolkit

Toll-Free Number: (888) 723-9816

Replay Number: (800) 294-9508. Replay available until: March 4, 2003, 4 p.m. EST

- Faith Based and Community Initiatives Toolkit Technical Assistance Conference Calls

Wednesday, February 19, 2003, 3 p.m. EST—for NEW AmeriCorps\*National Applicants

Leader's Name: Sueko Kumagai.

PassCode: toolkit

Toll-Free Number: (888) 723-9816

Replay Number: (800) 489-7535. Replay available until: February 26, 2003, 3 p.m. EST

Wednesday, February 26, 2003, 4 p.m. EST—for current

AmeriCorps\*National Grantees

Leader's Name: Sueko Kumagai.

PassCode: toolkit

Toll-Free Number: (888) 723-9816

Replay Number: (800) 839-9137.

Replay available until: March 5, 2003, at 4 p.m. EST

- Tutoring Toolkit Technical Assistance Conference Calls

Friday, February 21, 2003, 3:30 p.m.

EST—for NEW AmeriCorps\*National Applicants

Leader's Name: Sueko Kumagai.

PassCode: toolkit

Toll-Free Number: (888) 723-9816

Replay Number: (800) 925-2387. Replay available until: February 28, 2003, 3 p.m. EST

Friday, February 28, 3 p.m. EST—for current AmeriCorps\*National Grantees

Leader's Name: Sueko Kumagai.

PassCode: toolkit

Toll-Free Number: (888) 723-9816

Replay Number: (888) 568-0350. Replay available until: March 7, 2003, at 3 p.m. EST

We will schedule additional technical assistance calls for the toolkits for