

Dated: March 3, 2003.

Jamison S. Hawkins,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Wool Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

March 4, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for carryover, carryforward, carryforward used, swing, and special shift.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 57409, published on September 10, 2002.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 4, 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 September 3, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and wool textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on March 7, 2003, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
315	5,787,846 square meters.
410	113,694 square meters.
435	17,157 dozen.
442	15,237 dozen.
443	61,892 numbers.
444	21,874 numbers.
447/448	32,324 dozen.

¹ 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,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade (CBT) Proposed New Mini-Sized Corn, Soybean, and Wheat Futures Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of terms and conditions of new contract specifications for mini-sized corn, soybean, and wheat futures.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has requested that the Commission approve the subject proposed new mini-sized corn, soybean, and wheat futures contracts, new CBT Regulation 332.11, and related amendments to existing CBT Regulations 425.01 and 1008.01. The proposals were submitted pursuant to Commission Regulations 40.3 and 40.5.

The Director of the Division of Market Oversight (Division) of the Commission,

acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the Exchange's proposal for comment is in the public interest, and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to "CBT mini-sized, corn, soybean and wheat futures contracts."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Frederick Linse of the Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington 20581, (202) 418-5273. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: flinse@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed futures contracts would provide for the delivery of warehouse depository receipts and certificates representing 1,000 bushels of corn, soybeans and wheat, respectively. Except for certain terms noted below, the terms and conditions of the subject contracts would be identical to the terms and conditions of the existing 1,000-bushel corn, soybeans and wheat futures contracts traded on the MidAmerica Commodity Exchange (MACE). In this respect, prior to the first trading day of the subject new contracts, all of the open interest on the MACE corn, soybean and wheat futures contracts would be transferred to the corresponding new CBT mini-sized contracts. Trading of the MACE corn, soybean and wheat contracts on MACE would cease after the open interest in these contracts has been transferred to the CBT.

The primary differences between the CBT mini-sized and MACE contracts relate to the contracts' speculative position limits and certain terms concerning the taking of physical delivery against outstanding warehouse depository receipt and shipping certificates. Under proposed amendments to the CBT's Regulation 425.01, a trader's combined position in the mini-sized contracts and the corresponding CBT corn, soybean and wheat futures contracts would be subject to the CBT's existing speculative

position limits for these commodities. For purposes of combining positions, one mini-sized contract would be treated as equivalent to one-fifth of one CBT 5,000-bushel contract. Currently, traders' positions in MACE and CBT corn, soybean and wheat futures contracts are subject to speculative position limits that are specified separately for each exchange. The proposed rules also would specify that holders of outstanding 1,000-bushel warehouse depository receipts and certificates must present such receipts and certificates to issuers in multiples of 5 receipts or certificates in order to receive load-out of the underlying corn, soybeans or wheat.¹

Trading of the new mini-sized contracts would be by open outcry. In this regard, the CBT is proposing to adopt new regulation 332.11 which specifies the CBT's requirements in relation to changers and changing transactions.

The CBT stated that it intends to commence trading of the new mini-sized corn, soybean and wheat futures contracts in the second calendar quarter of 2003.

The Division is requesting comment on the proposals. Copies of the Exchange's proposal will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington 20581. Copies of the proposal can also be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the request for approval may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145 (2002)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments pertaining to the proposal or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBT should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington 20581 by the specified date.

¹ The CBT indicated that the above proposed rules codify existing MACE practices.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 3, 2003.

Michael Gorham,

Director.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Monday, March 17, 2003, 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Petition HP 01-3 to Ban Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA)-Treated Wood in Playground Equipment

The staff will brief the Commission on Petition HP 01-3 submitted by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) and the Healthy Building Network (HBN), requesting that the Commission issue a ban on use of chromated copper arsenate (CCA)-treated wood in playground equipment.

Oral presentations by commenters will begin at 2 p.m. (see **Federal Register** notice published on Friday, February 14, 2003, Vol. 68, page 7510) The meeting may continue to the next day, March 18, 2003.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-7923.

Dated: March 4, 2003.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Active Duty Service Determinations for Civilian or Contractual Groups Pursers of Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc. (WWII); Application Instructions for an Armed Forces Discharge Certificate

On February 21, 2003, the Secretary of the Air Force, acting as Executive Agent of the Secretary of Defense, amended the 1992 Secretarial determination concerning the group known as: "U.S.

Civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employees of Transcontinental and Western Air (TWA), Inc., Who Served Overseas as a Result of TWA's Contract with the Air Transport Command During the Periods February 26, 1942 through August 14, 1945." The amendment determined that the service of "pursers," who were part of these flight crews, shall be considered "active duty" for purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

To be eligible for VA benefits, "pursers," who were part of the flight crews recognized by the Secretary in 1992, must establish each of the following:

1. He or she was employed by Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., as part of its flight crew personnel (which now includes pursers); and
2. He or she served outside the continental United States in direct support of the Air Transport Command-directed flight operations during the period December 14, 1941, through August 14, 1945.

Qualifying periods of time are computed from the date of departure from the continental United States to the date of return to the continental United States.

Application Procedures

Before an individual can receive any VA benefits, the person must first apply for an Armed Forces Discharge Certificate (Department of Defense Form 214) by filling out a Department of Defense (DD) Form 2168 and sending it to the U.S. Air Force Personnel Center at the following address:

AFPC/DPPRP, 550 C St. West, Suite 11, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4713.

Important: Applicants must attach supporting documents to their DD Form 2168 application. Of primary importance will be any employment records from TWA and flight/log books. Other supporting documentation might include copies of passports with appropriate entries, military or civilian orders posting the applicant to an overseas assignment, reports signed by or mentioning the work of the applicant as part of the TWA-ATC contract flights overseas, Army Air Force (AAF) Identification Forms 133, any personal employment records such as commendations regarding performance, employee expense reports of charges to ATC contracts, medical certifications prior to departure from the U.S., Army Air Force (AAF) passes to leave the limits of an overseas base, miscellaneous AAF papers, etc.

Applicants having difficulty establishing all of the eligibility criteria