



Dated: August 26, 2003.

James E. Rogan,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denying Entry to Textiles and Textile Products Allegedly Manufactured by a Certain Company in Botswana

August 26, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to deny entry to shipments allegedly manufactured by a certain company in Botswana.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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); Executive Order 12475 of May 9, 1984, as amended.

The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has conducted on-site

verification of textile and apparel production in a number of foreign countries. Based on information obtained through on-site verifications and from other sources, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has informed CITA that certain companies were illegally transshipping, were closed, or were unable to produce records to verify production. The Chairman of CITA has directed the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to issue regulations regarding the denial of entry of shipments from such companies. (See **Federal Register** notice 64 FR 41395, published on July 30, 1999). In order to secure compliance with U.S. law, including Section 204 and Bureau of Customs and Border Protection law, to carry out textile and textile product agreements, and to avoid circumvention of textile agreements, the Chairman of CITA is directing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to deny entry to textile and textile products allegedly manufactured by Uni-Oriental (Pty) Ltd. of Botswana for two years. The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has informed CITA that this company was found to have been illegally transshipping, closed, or unable to produce records to verify production.

Should CITA determine that this decision should be amended, such

amendment will be published in the **Federal Register**.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 26, 2003.

Commissioner,
*Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has conducted on-site verification of textile and textile product production in a number of foreign countries. Based on information obtained through on-site verifications and from other sources, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has informed CITA that certain companies were illegally transshipping, were closed, or were unable to produce records to verify production. The Chairman of CITA has directed the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to issue regulations regarding the denial of entry of shipments from such companies (see directive dated July 27, 1999 (64 FR 41395), published on July 30, 1999). In order to secure compliance with U.S. law, including Section 204 and Bureau of Customs and Border Protection law, to carry out textile and textile product agreements, and to avoid circumvention of textile agreements, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, effective for goods exported on and after September 2, 2003 and extending through September 1, 2005, to deny entry to textiles and textile products allegedly manufactured by the company Uni-Oriental (Pty) Ltd. of Botswana. The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has informed CITA that this company was found to have been

illegally transshipping, closed, or unable to produce records to verify production.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0136]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Commercial Item Acquisitions

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0136).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning the clauses and provisions required for use in commercial item acquisitions. The OMB clearance expires on October 31, 2003.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 3, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Zaffos, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-6091.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 included Title VIII, entitled Commercial Items. The title made numerous additions and revisions to both the civilian agency and Armed Service acquisition statutes to encourage and facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services by Federal Government agencies.

To implement these changes, DoD, NASA, and GSA amended the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to include several streamlined and simplified clauses and provisions to be used in place of existing clauses and provisions. They were designed to simplify solicitations and contracts for commercial items.

Information is used by Federal agencies to facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 37,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 34.

Total Responses: 1,275,000.

Hours Per Response: .312.

Total Burden Hours: 397,800.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0136 regarding Commercial Item Acquisitions in all correspondence.

Dated: August 26, 2003.

Laura G. Auletta,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Management; Performance Review Board; Notice of Membership

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of membership of the Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the members of the Performance Review

Board (PRB) for the Department of Education for the Senior Executive Service (SES) performance cycle that ended June 30, 2003. Under 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) through (5), each agency is required to establish one or more PRBs.

Composition and Duties

The PRB of the Department of Education is composed of career senior executives, non-career senior executives, and Presidential appointees.

The PRB reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of each senior executive's performance, along with any comments by that senior executive and by any higher-level executive or executives. The PRB makes recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive, including recommendations on performance awards. The Department of Education's PRB also makes recommendations on SES pay level adjustments for career senior executives.

Membership

The Secretary has selected the following executives of the Department of Education to serve on the PRB of the Department of Education for the specified SES performance cycle: Chair: William Leidinger, Gerald Reynolds, Jack Martin, John Higgins, Maria Ferrier, Susan Scalfani, Thomas Skelly, Philip Link, Steven Winnick, Patricia Guard, Veronica Trietsch, Jeannette Lim, and Thomas Pestka.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Althea Watson, Director, Executive Resources Team, Human Resources Services, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, room 2E124, FOB-6, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4573. Telephone: (202) 401-2548.

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