

the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. It requested that apparel of such fabrics be eligible for preferential treatment under the CBTPA. Based on currently available information, CITA has determined that these subject fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and therefore denies the request.

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 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, 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 November 13, 2003, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Alarmex Holdings Group, Inc. that certain printed, 100 percent rayon, herringbone fabric, of 220 g/m² fabric weight, of 20's singles spun rayon yarn, of 100 X 64 construction, classified in subheading 5516.14.00 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 quota- and duty-free treatment under the CBTPA for apparel articles that are both cut and

sewn in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics.

On November 19, 2003, CITA solicited public comments regarding this request (68 FR 65256), particularly with respect to whether these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On December 5, 2003, CITA and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative offered to hold consultations with the relevant Congressional committees. We also requested the advice of the U.S. International Trade Commission and the relevant Industry Sector Advisory Committees.

Based on the information provided, including review of the request, public comments and advice received, and our knowledge of the industry, CITA has determined that certain printed, 100 percent rayon, herringbone fabrics, classified in subheading 5516.14.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles, can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Alarmex Holdings Group's petition is denied.

Philip J. Martello,

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: Defense Security Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Security Service announces the proposed continuation of a public information collection affecting cleared Department of Defense contractors and seeks public comments on the provision 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 March 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO), ATTN: Ms. Virginia Heimrich, Deputy Director, 2780 Airport Dr., Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43219-2268.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call DISCO at (614) 827-1530/1528.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Personnel Security Clearance Change Notification; DISCO Form 562; 0704-0418.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Needs and Uses: DISCO Form 562 is used by contractors participating in the National Industrial Security Program to report various changes in employee personnel clearance status or identification information, e.g., reinstatements, conversions, terminations, changes in name or other previously submitted information.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 45,816.

Number of Respondents: 11,454.

Responses Per Respondent: 20.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The execution of the DISCO FORM 562 is a factor in making a determination as to whether a contractor employee is eligible to have a security clearance. These requirements are necessary in order to preserve and maintain the security of the United States through establishing standards to prevent the improper disclosure of classified information.

Dated: January 14, 2004.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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