

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection canceling all previous directives concerning visa requirements for Laos.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip J. Martello, Director, Trade and Data Division, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

Due to the expiration on December 31, 2004 of the bilateral textile agreement with Laos, the United States is cancelling visa requirements for textile products from Laos exported after that date.

In the letter below, CITA is directing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to cancel all textile visa requirements for goods exported from Laos on and after January 1, 2005.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 30, 2004.

Commissioner,

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C. 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive cancels all previous directives issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements concerning textile visa requirements for goods produced or manufactured in Laos. Effective for such goods exported from Laos on and after January 1, 2005, you are directed not to require a textile visa for entry into the Customs territory of the United States.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreement 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Suspension of Textile Visa Requirements for Ukraine

December 30, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection suspending all previous directives concerning visa requirements for Ukraine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip J. Martello, Director, Trade and Data Division, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

Due to the expiration on December 31, 2004 of the bilateral textile agreement with Ukraine, the United States is suspending visa requirements for textile products from Ukraine exported after that date.

Negotiations on extension of the bilateral agreement are ongoing with Ukraine. Visa requirements may be reinstated upon extension of the bilateral agreement.

In the letter below, CITA is directing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to temporarily suspend all textile visa requirements for goods exported from Ukraine on and after January 1, 2005.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 30, 2004.

Commissioner,

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C. 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive suspends all previous directives issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements concerning textile visa requirements for goods produced or manufactured in Ukraine, covering wool textile products subject to the quota limits under the United States - Ukraine bilateral textile agreement. Effective for such goods exported from Ukraine on and after January 1, 2005, you are directed not to require a textile visa for entry into the Customs territory of the United States.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreement 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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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 05-C0004]

New ICM L.P., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Flammable Fabrics Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1605.13. Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with New ICM L.P.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by January 20, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 05-C0004, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Kacoyanis, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-7587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: December 29, 2004.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

Consent Order Agreement

NEW ICM L.P. ("Respondent" or "NEW ICM") a limited partnership, enters into this Consent Order Agreement ("Agreement") with the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("the staff") pursuant to the procedures set forth in section 1605.13 of the Commission's Procedures for Investigations, Inspections, and Inquiries under the Flammable Fabrics Act, 16 CFR 1605.

This Agreement and Order are for the purpose of settling allegations of the

staff that Respondent manufactured and sold purple satin pajamas made from 100% polyester and rosebud print nightgowns made from 100% polyester that failed to comply with the Standards for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear ("Sleepwear Standards"), 16 CFR parts 1615 and 1616.

Respondent and the Staff Agree

1. The Consumer Product Safety Commission ("Commission") is an independent regulatory agency of the United States Government. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*, the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), 15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*, and the Federal Trade Commission Act (FTCA), 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*

2. Respondent is a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas with its principal corporate offices located at 220 Sam Bishkin Dr., El Campo, Texas 77437.

3. Respondent is now, and has been engaged in one or more of the following activities: the manufacture for sale, the sale, or the offering for sale, in commerce, or the importation into the United States, or the introduction, delivery for introduction, transportation or causing to be transported, in commerce, or the sale or delivery after sale or shipment in commerce, children's sleepwear garments that are subject to the Sleepwear Standards.

4. This Agreement is for the purpose of settling the allegations of the accompanying Complaint. This Agreement does not constitute an admission by Respondent that it violated the law. The Agreement becomes effective only upon its final acceptance by the Commission and service of the incorporated Order upon Respondent.

5. The parties agree that this Consent Order Agreement resolves the allegations of the Complaint and the Commission shall not initiate any civil or administrative action against Respondent for those alleged violations set forth in the Complaint.

6. Upon final acceptance of this Agreement by the Commission and issuance of the Final Order, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights it may have in this matter (a) To an administrative or judicial hearing, (b) to judicial review or other challenge or contest of the validity of the Commission's actions, (c) to a determination by the Commission as to whether Respondent failed to comply with the CPSA, FFA, FTCA, and the underlying regulations, (d) to a statement of findings of fact and

conclusions of law, and (e) to any claims under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

7. Upon provisional acceptance of this Agreement by the Commission, this Agreement shall be placed on the public record and shall be published in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1605.13(d). If the Commission does not receive any written objections within 15 days, the Agreement will be deemed finally accepted on the 20th day after the date it is published in the **Federal Register**.

8. In settlement of the staff's allegations of the Compliant, Respondent agrees to comply with the attached Order incorporated herein by reference.

9. Upon a violation of the attached Order by Respondent, the Commission reserves the right to take appropriate legal action against Respondent for all violations listed in the Complaint and for all violations occurring after the date of this Agreement and Respondent waives the statute of limitations.

10. For any violation occurring after the date of this Agreement, if the Commission finds that Respondent has manufactured for sale, sold, or offered for sale, in commerce, or imported into the United States, or introduced, delivered for introduction, transported or caused to be transported, in commerce, of any product, fabric, or related material which fails to comply with the Flammable Fabrics Act and the underlying regulations, Respondent will pay to the Commission upon demand a penalty in the amount of five (5) times the retail value of the product(s) in question. For purposes of this Agreement the term "product(s) in questions" shall mean product(s) that fail to comply with the FFA and the implementing regulations. This provision does not preclude the Commission from taking additional action under sections 5, 6, and 7 of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1194, 1195, and 1196; sections 10 and 17(b) of the FTCA, 15 U.S.C. 50 and 57(b); and any other pertinent legal provisions.

11. Respondent reserves its right to challenge the Commission's findings under paragraphs 9 and 10 of this Agreement before the Commission and to have the court review whether the Commission's decision was arbitrary and capricious.

12. The Commission may publicize the terms of this Consent Order Agreement.

13. This Agreement, and the Complaint accompanying the Agreement, may be used in interpreting the Order. Agreements, understandings,

representations, or interpretations made outside this Consent Order Agreement may not be used to vary or contradict its terms.

14. Upon acceptance of the Agreement, the Commission shall issue the following Order.

15. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to Respondent and each of its successors and assigns.

Respondent New ICM L.P.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

Daniel Zalman, President,
New ICM L.P., 220 Sam Bishkin Dr., El
Campo, Texas 77437.

Dated: September 21, 2004.

J. Michael Jordan, Esquire,
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Attorneys for
New ICM L.P., 1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400,
Houston, Texas 77002-5007.

Commissions Staff

Alan H. Schoem,
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Eric L. Stone,
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Compliance.

Dated: September 29, 2004.

Dennis G. Kacoyanis,
Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance.

Complaint

Nature of Proceedings

Pursuant to the provisions of the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*; the Federal Trade Commission Act (FTCA), as amended, 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*; and the Standards for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear (Sleepwear Standards), 16 CFR parts 1615 and 1616, the Consumer Product Safety Commission having reason to believe that NEW ICM L.P., 220 Sam Bishkin Dr., El Campo, TX 77437 has violated the provisions of said Acts; and further it appearing to the Commission that a proceeding by it in respect to those violations would be in the public interest, therefore, it hereby issues its Complaint stating its charges as follows:

1. Respondent NEW ICM, L.P. is a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal place of business located at 220 Sam Bishkin Dr., El Campo, TX 77437.

2. Respondent NEW ICM L.P. is now and has been engaged in the manufacture for sale, the sale, or the offering for sale, in commerce, or the importation into the United States, or the introduction, delivery for introduction, transportation or causing to be transported, in commerce, or the sale or delivery after a sale or shipment in commerce, as the term "commerce"

is defined in section 2(b) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1191(b), "children's sleepwear" as defined in 16 CFR 1615.1 and 1616.1.

3. In 2001, Respondent NEW ICM L.P. manufactured for sale, sold, and offered for sale, in commerce, introduced, delivered for introduction, transported or caused for to be transported, in commerce, and sold or delivered after a sale or shipment in commerce 2,103 pairs of purple satin pajamas, GPU 072899, made from 100% polyester that failed to meet the flammability requirements of the Children's Sleepwear Standards, 16 CFR parts 1615 and 1616, in violation of section 3(a) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1192(a).

4. In 2001, Respondent NEW ICM L.P. manufactured for sale, sold, and offered for sale, in commerce, introduced, delivered for introduction, transported or caused to be transported, in commerce, and sold or delivered after a sale or shipment in commerce 3,564 rosebud print nightgowns, GPU 072600, made from 100% polyester that failed to meet the flammability requirements of the Children's Sleepwear Standards, 16 CFR parts 1615 and 1616, in violation of section 3(a) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1192(a).

5. The acts by Respondent NEW ICM L.P. set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the complaint are unlawful and constitute an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive practice in commerce under the FTCA, in violation of section 3(a) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1192(a), for which a cease and desist order may be issued against Respondent pursuant to section 5(b) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1194(b), and section 5 of the FTCA, 15 U.S.C. 45.

Relief Sought

6. The staff seeks the issuance of a cease and desist order against Respondent NEW ICM L.P. pursuant to section 5(b) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1194(b), and section 5 of the FTCA, 15 U.S.C. 45.

Wherefore, the premises considered, the Commission hereby issues this Complaint on the 29th day of December, 2004.

By direction of the Commission.

Nicholas V. Marchica,
Acting Assistant Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

Order

I.

The Commission having jurisdiction over Respondent NEW ICM L.P. and over this matter under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*, the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), 15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*, and the Federal Trade Commission Act (FTCA),

15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*, it is hereby ordered that Respondent NEW ICM L.P. its successors, and assigns, agents, representatives, and employees, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other business entity, or through any agency, device, or instrumentality, do forthwith cease and desist from manufacturing for sale, selling, or offering for sale, in commerce, or importing into the United States or introducing, delivering for introduction, transporting or causing to be transported, in commerce, any product, fabric, or related material that fails to comply with the Flammable Fabrics Act and the underlying regulations.

It is further ordered that following service upon Respondent NEW ICM L.P. of the Final Order in this matter, Respondent NEW ICM L.P. will notify the Commission within 30 days following the consummation of the sale of a majority of its stock or following a change in any of its corporate officers responsible for compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

By direction of the Commission, this Consent Agreement and Order is provisionally accepted pursuant to 16 CFR 1605.13, and shall be placed on the public record, and the Secretary is directed to publish the provisional acceptance of the Consent Order Agreement in the Commission's Public Calendar and in the **Federal Register**.

So ordered by the Commission, this 29th day of December 2004.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary,
Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0390]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Taxes

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a)

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through March 31, 2005. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through March 31, 2008.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by March 7, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0390, using any of the following methods:

- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web Site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
 - E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0390 in the subject line of the message.
 - Fax: (703) 602-0350.
 - Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Euclides Barrera, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.
 - Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.
- All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Euclides Barrera, (703) 602-0296. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/index.htm>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Euclides Barrera, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 229, Taxes, and related clause in DFARS 252.229; OMB Control Number 0704-0390.

Needs and Uses: DoD uses this information to determine if DoD contractors in the United Kingdom have attempted to obtain relief from customs