candidates, USDA encourages the nomination of men and women of all racial and ethnic groups. Selected nominees sought by this action would fill two currently vacant industry representative positions for the remainder of terms of office ending June 30, 2011, six producer and industry representatives who are currently serving for the term of office that ended June 30, 2009, and six producer and industry representatives who are currently serving for the term of office that will end June 30, 2010. The Board consists of 18 members representing producers and industry representatives. USDA had previously requested nominations for the two vacancies (terms ending June 30, 2011) and the six producer and industry representatives positions (terms ended June 30, 2009) in a Request for Nominations that was published in the Federal Register on April 29, 2009. USDA is reissuing the notice in an effort to expand outreach to interested individuals.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before July 16, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Dawana J. Clark, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, Unit 155, 4700 Riverdale, MD 20737; Telephone: (301) 734–5247; Fax: (301) 734–5275; E-mail: Dawana.Clark@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1308 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Peanut Standards Board (Board) for the purpose of advising the Secretary regarding the establishment of quality and handling standards for all domestic and imported peanuts marketed in the United States. The Farm Bill requires the Secretary to consult with the Board before the Secretary establishes or changes quality and handling standards for peanuts.

The Farm Bill provides that the Board consist of 18 members, with three producers and three industry representatives from the States specified in each of the following producing regions: (a) Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and Florida); (b) Southwest (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico); and (c) Virginia/Carolina (Virginia and North Carolina).

For the initial appointments, the Farm Bill required the Secretary to stagger the terms of the members so that: (a) One producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a two-year term; and (c) one producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a three-year term. The term “peanut industry representatives” includes, but is not limited to, representatives of shellers, manufacturers, buying points, marketing associations and marketing cooperatives. The Farm Bill exempted the appointment of the Board from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The initial Board was appointed by the Secretary and announced on December 5, 2002.

USDA invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above to nominate individuals for membership on the Board. Nominees sought by this action would fill two currently vacant industry representative positions for the remainder of terms of office ending June 30, 2011, one from the Southeast and one from the Virginia-Carolina peanut producing regions. Nominees sought by this action would also replace twelve positions, two producers and two industry members from each peanut producing region who served for the term of office that ended June 30, 2009 and who served for the term of office that will end June 30, 2010. New members filling the positions of the two current vacancies would serve the remaining 3-year term of office ending June 30, 2011. New members filling the positions expiring on June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010, would serve for 3-year terms of office ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013. USDA had previously requested nominations for the two vacancies (terms ending June 30, 2011) and the six producer and industry representatives positions (terms ended June 30, 2009) in a Request for Nominations that was published in the Federal Register on April 29, 2009. USDA is reissuing the notice in an effort to expand outreach to interested individuals.

Nominees should complete a Peanut Standards Board Background Information form and submit it to Mrs. Clark at the address provided in the ADDRESSES section above. Copies of this form may be obtained at the Internet site: http://www.ams.usda.gov/PeanutStandardsBoard, or from Mrs. Clark. USDA seeks a diverse group of members representing the peanut industry.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Board in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups within the peanut industry, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated abilities to represent the interests of racial and ethnic minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and limited resource agriculture producers.


Dated: June 29, 2010.

Robert C. Keeney,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment to the 2010 Tariff Preference Level (TPL) for Nicaragua Under the Central America-Dominican Republic-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA–DR)

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

ACTION: Amending the 2010 TPL for Nicaragua.

DATES: Effective Date: July 6, 2010.

SUMMARY: This notice reduces the 2010 TPL for Nicaragua to 99,238,862 square meters equivalent to account for the shortfall in meeting the one-to-one commitment for cotton and man-made fiber trousers exported from Nicaragua to the United States.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Annex 3.28 of the CAFTA–DR; Section 1634(a)(2) and (c)(2) of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109–280); Presidential Proclamation 8111 of February 28, 2007.

Background

Annex 3.28 of the CAFTA–DR establishes a TPL for non-originating apparel goods of Nicaragua. Section 1634(a)(2) of the Pension Protection Act references the exchange of letters between the United States and Nicaragua, which establishes the one-to-one commitment for cotton and man-made fiber trousers. Section 1634(c)(2) of the Pension Protection Act authorizes the President to proclaim a reduction in the overall limit in the TPL if the President determines that Nicaragua has failed to comply with the one-to-one commitment. In Presidential Proclamation 8111, the President delegated to CITA the authority to...
determine whether Nicaragua had failed to comply with the one-to-one commitment and to reduce the overall limit in the TPL.

In an exchange of letters dated March 24 and 27, 2006, Nicaragua agreed that for each square meter equivalent of exports of cotton and man-made fiber woven trousers entered under the TPL, Nicaragua would export to the United States an equal amount of cotton and man-made fiber woven trousers made of U.S. formed fabric of U.S. formed yarn. This commitment for cotton woven trousers applies to the first 50 million square meters equivalent in 2009, the fourth year after the date of entry into force of the CAFTA–DR. Further, any shortfall in meeting this commitment that was not rectified by April 1 of the succeeding year would be applied against the TPL for the succeeding year. For 2009, the shortfall in meeting the one-to-one commitment is 761,138 square meters equivalent. This amount is being deducted from the 2010 TPL, resulting in a new TPL level for 2010 of 99,238,862 square meters equivalent.

Kim Glas,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.
Title: Business and Professional Classification Report
OMB Control Number: 0607–0189.
Form Number(s): SQ–CLASS(00).
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Burden Hours: 14,519.
Number of Respondents: 67,000.
Average Hours per Response: 13 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Economic Census and current business surveys represent the primary source of facts about the structure and function of the U.S. economy, providing essential information to government and the business community in making sound decisions. This information helps build the foundation for the calculation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and other economic indicators. Crucial to its success is the accuracy and reliability of the Business Register data, which provides the Economic Census and current business surveys with their establishment lists.

Critical to the quality of the Business Register is the fact that establishments are assigned an accurate economic classification, based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The primary purpose of the “Business and Professional Classification Report” or SQ–CLASS(00), is to meet this need for the services sector of the economy. The services sector includes establishments classified in retail trade; wholesale trade; finance and insurance; real estate and rental and leasing; transportation and utilities; and other services-related industries. Establishments will be mailed five-year Economic Census forms specifically tailored to their industry based on the classification information we collect from the SQ–CLASS survey. In addition, the SQ–CLASS report is used to collect information needed to update the services sector sampling frame.

To keep current with rapid changes in the marketplace caused by businesses births, deaths, and changes in company organization, the Census Bureau samples establishments with newly assigned Employer Identification Numbers (EINs) obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA). Each EIN unit can only be selected once for the survey. EIN units selected for the sample are asked to provide data on the establishment(s) associated with the new EIN. The completed SQ–CLASS form provides sales, receipts, or revenue data; company organization status; new or redefined NAICS codes; and other key information needed to maintain proper coverage of the business universe.

Based on information collected on the SQ–CLASS form, EIN units meeting the criteria for inclusion in the Census Bureau’s current services sector surveys are eligible for a second phase of sampling. The retail and wholesale EIN units selected in this second sampling are placed on a panel to report on monthly surveys. Additional selected units are included on a panel to report on annual surveys. The other selected services sector EIN units report on an annual and/or quarterly basis.

There are minimal changes to the SQ–CLASS form. An inquiry will be added to determine not-for-profit status, which will be useful for data collection purposes. It is important that the proper current survey form is sent to the business if it is selected into a survey.

Minimal changes will be made to the wording and organization of existing questions and instructions. Also, for the first time, respondents will have the option to respond electronically via the Internet.

The Census Bureau selects a first phase sample of EINs recently assigned by the IRS. Selected EIN units are mailed a SQ–CLASS form to determine measure of size (based on sales, receipts, or revenue); industry classification; company organization; wholesale inventories and type of operation data; not-for-profit status; and other useful information. EIN units not affiliated with previously selected units are eligible for second phase sampling, with selected sampling units added to a survey panel. This methodology updates the current surveys’ sampling frame with a sample of new firms entering the services sector. The information obtained from the SQ–CLASS form is also used in tabulating data for small businesses in succeeding economic censuses (because small businesses are not mailed an economic census report form), and for the Census Bureau’s County Business Patterns program, which is conducted on an annual basis.

Although no statistical tables are prepared or published, the operations of this business birth survey directly and critically affect the quality of the estimates published for the Advance Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services Survey (OMB Approval 0607–0104); Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (OMB Approval 0607–0190); Services Annual Survey (OMB Approval 0607–0422); Annual Retail Trade Survey (OMB Approval 0607–0013); Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (OMB Approval 0607–0135); and Quarterly Service Survey (OMB Approval 0607–0007), since this business birth survey keeps the sample universe current.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions.
Frequency: One time.
Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182 and 193.
OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.
Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this