Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 16.
Estimated Time per Response: 8 hours per Request, 2 hours per Response, and 1 hour per Rebuttal.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 89.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $5,340.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.


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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Limitation of Duty-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Haiti Under the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity Through Partnership for Encouragement Act (HOPE)

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of annual quantitative limit on certain apparel articles under HOPE.

DATES: Effective Date: December 20, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HOPE provides for duty-free treatment for certain apparel articles imported directly from Haiti. Section 213A(b)(1)(B) of HOPE outlines the requirements for certain apparel articles to qualify for duty-free treatment under a “value-added” program. In order to qualify for duty-free treatment, apparel articles must be wholly assembled, or knit-to-shape, in Haiti from any combination of fabrics, fabric components, components knit-to-shape, and yarns, as long as the sum of the cost or value of materials produced in Haiti or one or more countries, as described in HOPE, or any combination thereof, plus the direct costs of processing operations performed in Haiti or one or more countries, as described in HOPE, or any combination thereof, is not less than an applicable percentage of the declared customs value of such apparel articles. Pursuant to HELP, the applicable percentage for the period December 20, 2012 through December 19, 2013, is 50 percent or more.

For every twelve-month period following the effective date of HOPE, duty-free treatment under the value-added program is subject to a quantitative limitation. HOPE provides that the quantitative limitation will be recalculated for each subsequent 12-month period. Section 213A(b)(1)(C) of HOPE, as amended by Title V of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 and the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (HOPE II) and Haiti Economic Lift Program Act of 2010 (HELP), requires that, for the twelve-month period beginning on December 20, 2012, the quantitative limitation for qualifying apparel imported from Haiti under the value-added program will be an amount equivalent to 1.25 percent of the aggregate square meter equivalent of all apparel articles imported into the United States in the most recent 12-month period for which data are available. The aggregate square meters equivalent of all apparel articles imported into the United States is derived from the set of Harmonized System lines listed in the Annex to the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (“ATC”), and the conversion factors for units of measure into square meter equivalents used by the United States in implementing the ATC. For purposes of this notice, the most recent 12-month period for which data are available as of December 20, 2012 is the 12-month period ending on October 31, 2012. Therefore, for the one-year period beginning on December 20, 2012 and extending through December 19, 2013, the quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under the value-added program is 306,742.329 square meters equivalent. Apparel articles entered in excess of these quantities will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs.

Authority: The Caribbean Basin Recovery Act (CBERA), as amended by the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity Through Partnership for Encouragement Act of 2006 (HOPE), Title V of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 and the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (HOPE II), the Haiti Economic Lift Program Act of 2010 (HELP); and implemented by Presidential Proclamations No. 8114, 72 FR 13655, 13659 (March 22, 2007), and No. 8596, 75 FR 68,153 (November 4, 2010).


Janet E. Heinzen,
Acting, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles and Apparel.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) is established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. (FACA), and advises the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1512. The Board provides a means of ensuring regular contact between the U.S. Government and the travel and tourism industry. The Board advises the Secretary on government policies and programs that affect United States travel and tourism, and the Board serves as a forum for discussing and proposing solutions to industry-related problems.

The Board acts as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and provides a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the travel and tourism sector. The Board recommends ways to ensure that the United States remains the preeminent destination for international visitation and tourism throughout the world. The Office of Advisory Committees is accepting applications for Board members.

Members shall represent companies and organizations in the travel and tourism sector from a broad range of products and services, company sizes, and geographic locations and shall be drawn from large, medium, and small travel and tourism companies, private-sector organizations involved in the export of travel and tourism-related products and services, and other tourism-related entities.

Each Board member shall serve as the representative of a U.S. company in the travel and tourism industry, a U.S. organization involved in the export of travel and tourism-related products and services, or a tourism-related U.S. entity. For eligibility purposes, a “U.S. company” is a for-profit firm that is incorporated in the United States (or an unincorporated U.S. firm with its principal place of business in the United States) that is controlled by U.S. citizens or by other U.S. companies. A company is not a U.S. company if 50 percent plus one share of its stock (if a corporation, or a similar ownership interest of an unincorporated entity) is known to be controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. companies. For eligibility purposes, a “U.S. organization” is an organization, including trade associations and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), established under the laws of the United States, that is controlled by U.S. citizens, by another U.S. organization (or organizations), or by a U.S. company (or companies), as determined based on its board of directors (or comparable governing body), membership, and funding sources, as applicable. For eligibility purposes, a U.S. entity includes state and local tourism marketing entities, state government tourism offices, state and/or local government-supported tourism marketing entities, multi-state tourism marketing entities, and other tourism-related entities that can demonstrate U.S. ownership or control.

Members of the Board will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the Board as set forth above. Members of the Board shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the Board is balanced in terms of points of view, industry subsector, range of products and services, demographics, geography, and company size.

Additional factors which will be considered in the selection of Board members include candidates’ proven experience in the strategic development and management of travel and tourism-related or other service-related organizations; or the candidate’s proven experience in promoting, developing, and implementing advertising and marketing programs for travel-related or tourism-related industries.

Priority may be given to a Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director, or President (or comparable level of responsibility) of a U.S. company, U.S. organization, or U.S. entity in the travel and tourism sector.

Members will be appointed to fill vacancies for the remainder of their current appointment terms. All appointments will automatically terminate no later than November 15, 2013. Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their particular industry subsector. Board members are not special government employees, and will receive no compensation for their participation in Board activities.

Members participating in Board meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings will be held regularly and, to the extent practical, not less than twice annually, usually in Washington, DC. To be considered for membership, please provide the following information by the 12/28/2012, 5 p.m. EST deadline, via email, to OACIE@trade.gov or, via mail, to Jennifer Pilat, Office of Advisory Committees, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. After that date, the Department will continue to accept applications under this notice through August 30, 2013 to fill any vacancies that may arise.

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.

2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on his or her company/organization/ entity letterhead or, if the applicant is to represent a company/organization/ entity other than his or her employer, a letter from the company/organization/ entity to be represented, containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Board. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant’s travel and tourism-related experience.

3. The applicant’s personal resume.

4. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

5. An affirmative statement by the applicant that he or she is not a Federally registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that he or she, if appointed, will not be allowed to continue to serve as a Board member if the applicant becomes a Federally registered lobbyist.

6. If the applicant represents a tourism-related U.S. entity, the functions and responsibilities of the entity, and information regarding the entity’s U.S. ownership or control.

7. If the applicant represents an organization, information regarding the control of the organization, including the governing structure, members, and revenue sources as appropriate.

8. If the applicant represents a company, information regarding the control of the company, including the governing structure and stock holdings as appropriate.

9. The company’s, organization’s, or entity’s size and ownership, product or service line and major markets in which the company, organization, or operates.

10. Brief statement describing how the applicant will contribute to the work of the Board based on his or her unique experience and perspective (not to exceed 100 words).
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces (subsequently referred to as the Task Force) will take place.

DATES: Monday, January 14, 2013 and Tuesday, January 15, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT, each day.

ADDRESSES: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington DC—Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202 (in the Washington Room).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mail Delivery service through Recovering Warrior Task Force, Hoffman Building II, 200 Stovall St, Alexandria, VA 22332–0021 “Mark as Time Sensitive for January Meeting.” Emails to rwtf@wso.whs.mil, Denise F. Dailey, Designated Federal Officer; Telephone (703) 325–6640, Fax (703) 325–6710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the Task Force Members to convene and gather data from panels and briefers on the Task Force’s topics of inquiry. Agenda: (Refer to http://dtf.defense.gov/rwtf/meetings.html for the most up-to-date meeting information)

Day One: Monday, January 14, 2013
8:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Welcome and Planning
9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE) Updates
10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Vision Center of Excellence (VCE) Updates
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Break for Lunch
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Traumatic Extremity and Amputation Center of Excellence (EACE) Updates
2:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m. Break
2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Interagency Program Office (IPO)
3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICE) Briefing
4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Wrap Up

Day Two: Tuesday, January 15, 2013
8:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m. Public Forum
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m. Site Visit Debrief
9:15 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Break
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command TBI Research Efforts Briefing
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Veteran Affairs VR&E Service Briefing
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Break for Lunch
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Veteran Affairs Federal Recovery Coordination Program (FRCP)
1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (HA)
2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Defense Centers of Health on Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE PH and TBI) Updates
4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Wrap Up

Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Pursuant to 41 CFR §§ 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces about its mission and functions. If individuals are interested in making an oral statement during the Public Forum time period, a written statement for a presentation of two minutes must be submitted as below and must identify it as being submitted for an oral presentation by the person making the submission. Identification information must be provided and at a minimum must include a name and a phone number. Individuals may visit the Task Force Web site at http://dtf.defense.gov/rwtf/ to view the Charter. Individuals making presentations will be notified by Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Oral presentations will be permitted only on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. EDT before the Task Force. The number of oral presentations will not exceed ten, with one minute of questions available to the Task Force members per presenter. Presenters should not exceed their two minutes.