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D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 22, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 4, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on September 29, 1997, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC):

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
340/640	1,382,638 dozen.
347/348	1,659,395 dozen.
351/651	277,915 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

The Guaranteed Access Levels for the foregoing categories remain unchanged.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

September 22, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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); the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Category 648 is being increased for swing and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 62 FR 4034, published on January 28, 1997.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the May 7, 1997 MOU, the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 22, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on January 22, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on September 26, 1997, you are directed to increase the limit for Category 648 to 74,103 dozen¹, as provided for by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

action falls within the foreign affairs exception of 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

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Army Center of Military History.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee.

Date: 23 October 1997.

Place: U.S. Army Center of Military History, Franklin Court Building, Room 203, 1099 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20005-3402.

Time: 0900-1600 (23 Oct 97).

Proposed Agenda: Review and discussion of the status of historical activities in the United States Army.

Purpose of the Meeting: The committee will review the Army's historical activities for FY 97 and those projected for FY 98 based upon reports and manuscripts received throughout the period and formulate recommendations through the Chief of Military History to the Chief of Staff, Army, and the Secretary of the Army for advancing the use of history in the U.S. Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All communication regarding this advisory committee should be addressed to Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20005-3402; telephone number (202) 761-5402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting of the advisory committee is open to the public. Because of restricted meeting space, attendance may be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend the 23 October meeting.

Any members of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the

committee chairman may allow public presentations of oral statements at the meeting.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Program for Qualifying Department of Defense Ground Passenger Carriers

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Reference previous Notice (Request for comments) in **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 61, dated March 31, 1997, page 15165, provided a 60 day comment period on the proposed changes to the Military Bus Agreement (MBA). Comments and Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC's) responses to those comments are addressed accordingly and are provided below. The MBA is amended to improve the standards for qualifying carriers transporting Department of Defense (DOD) passengers by bus, van and limousine service. The improvements are prepared under a new basic Agreement. The changes affect all current and future ground passenger carriers transporting for the DOD. A copy of the final Agreement between Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) and ground passenger carriers is available upon request.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This new basic Agreement is effective 1 October 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leesha Saunders at 703-681-6393; Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-QQ, Room 630, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: The following comments were received from Industry:

Comment 1. (II-2 Carrier Application, c. & Department of Transportation (DOT) Rating) Continental Air Transport commented on the regulatory procedures for their individual company in relation to the DOT safety fitness rating for all carriers applying to the Military Bus Program. The carrier operates ten passenger vans. These vehicles are too small to be regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOT); therefore, they cannot obtain a safety fitness rating from DOT.

Response 1. These objections reflect concerns relevant to a van carrier like Continental Air Transport. The DOT's safety fitness rating requirements for the MBA is for carriers whose vehicles seat 16 passengers or more including the driver. Under the present and future MBA application requirements, carriers whose vehicles seat a maximum of 15 passengers are only required to submit copies of their vehicle licenses with their applications. Van & limousine carriers applying for approval from deregulated states must submit a notarized letter indicating they meet all state requirements.

Comment 2. (III-8 Driver Qualifications) Continental Air Transport Company comments that the state of Illinois and the DOT do not require their drivers to have Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL). In addition, the carrier comments it is not possible to get a CDL specifically for their vehicle capacity. The carrier further explains its driving staff undergoes in-house training including the National Safety Council's Defense Driving Course. Recommended change is that the statement " * * * hold a current commercial driver's license * * *" be deleted from this section and maintain the following wording: " * * * be properly qualified and licensed and operate the type of equipment owned by the carrier."

Response 2. Continental Air Transport Co. comment refers to carriers with vehicles seating less than 16 passengers. Many companies making application to the MBA operate vehicles that seat more than 16 passengers and those drivers are required by federal and local regulations to have and carry their CDL. Therefore, the following sentence change is made: "Drivers, in addition to meeting the DOT's requirements, must be legal residents of the United States, be able to communicate in English, hold a current commercial driver's license or be properly qualified and licensed to operate the type of equipment owned by the carrier."

Comment 3. (III-9 Financial Statements) Continental Air Transport Co. believes that carriers would have problems providing copies of their financial statements to MTMC for qualifying for the MBA.

Response 3. The proof of the financial stability of carriers is to reduce the risk to the Department of Defense of approving carriers who are not financially able to provide safe and reliable passenger service. Thus, financial information is required at time of application or upon request of the MTMC. However, the requirement for

Certified Public Accountant audited statements is removed.

MTMC is the agency established within the DOD for the procurement of land transportation from commercial carriers for DOD passengers, their families and impedimenta, in domestic movements procured by the MTMC and DOT Transportation Offices. In light of current deregulation and changing federal regulations, MTMC is modifying the passenger policies in order to improve the current qualification program. The MBA is the standards of service carriers must meet for MTMC approval including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and DOD passenger requirements. Under the new Agreement carriers must show compliance with federal, state and DOD passenger safety requirements. All bus, van and limousine carriers currently approved by MTMC will be required to re-sign the new MBA and provide proof of insurance, company drug testing, financial and additional information newly established under the revised Amendment.

Alan M. Cox,

Colonel, U.S. Army, Acting Chief, Qualification Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by September 30, 1997. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of