

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Temporary Suspension of Export Visa and Certification Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Haiti

November 21, 1997

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending export visa and certification requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Effective on November 24, 1997, and until further notice, textile products which are produced or manufactured in Haiti and exported from Haiti, regardless of the date of export, shall not be denied entry for the lack of a visa or certification. This is a temporary measure which is being taken by the U.S. Government and which only waives the requirements to present a visa or certification with the shipment. It does not waive other documentation requirements.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 21, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: This letter refers to the directive of February 19, 1987 from the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements establishing visa and certification requirements for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products from Haiti. That letter directed you to prohibit entry into the United States for consumption or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Haiti, which are not visaed or certified in accordance with procedures described in the letter.

Effective on November 24, 1997, and until further notice, you are directed not to deny

entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in Haiti and exported from Haiti, regardless of the date of export, for lack of a visa or certification. This is a temporary measure which is being taken by the U.S. Government and which only waives the requirements to present a visa or certification with the shipment. It does not waive other documentation requirements.

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

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0229]

Notice of Request for Comments

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 (Pub. L. 104-13), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement, and seeks public comment on the provisions 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 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. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through June 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD

3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfarsacq.osd.mil.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, at (703) 602-0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>

Paper copies may be obtained from Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Foreign Acquisition—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement part 225 and Related Clauses at 252.225, DD Form 2139, OMB Control Number 0704-0229.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to information collection requirements used to ensure contractor compliance with restrictions on the acquisition of foreign products imposed by statute or policy to protect the industrial base. Other information is required for compliance with U.S. trade agreements and Memoranda of Understanding, which promote reciprocal trade with U.S. allies, and for inclusion in reports to the Department of Commerce on the Balance of Payments Program.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 74,333 hours.

Number of Respondents: 31,347.

Responses per Respondent:

Approximately 7.

Number of Responses: 224,262.

Average Burden per Response: .33 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

- *DFARS 252.225-7000*, Buy American Act-Balance of Payments Program Certificate, as prescribed in 225.109(a), requires the offeror to identify in its proposal supplies that do not meet the definition of domestic end product, separately listing qualifying and nonqualifying country end products.

- *DFARS 252.225-7003*, Information for Duty-Free Entry Evaluation, as prescribed in 225.605-70(e), requires a check in paragraph (a) as to whether the

offer is based on furnishing a domestic end product with nonqualifying country components for which the offeror requests duty-free entry, or a foreign end product, other than those that will be accorded duty-free entry as qualifying country end products or components, or eligible products under a trade agreement. If the answer to paragraph (a) is positive, then paragraph (b) requires two checks, as to whether such foreign supplies are now in the United States, whether duty has been paid, and if the duty has not yet been paid, an indication of what amount is included in the offer to cover such duty. Paragraph (c) requires the awardee to identify, at the request of the contracting officer, the foreign supplies which are subject to duty-free entry. Alternate I, as prescribed in 225.605-70(e), is used when the Buy American Act/Balance of Payments Program does not apply, and refers to U.S. made end products rather than domestic products (proposed rule, published September 9, 1997, 62 FR 47407).

- **DFARS 252.225-7005**, Identification of Expenditures in the United States, as prescribed in 225.305-70, requires contractors to identify, on each request for payment under certain contracts subject to the Balance of Payments Program, the part of the requested payment representing expenditures in the United States.

- **DFARS 252.225-7006**, Buy American Act-Trade Agreements—Balance of Payments Program Certificate, as prescribed in 225.408(a)(1), is similar to 225.252-7000, but requires separate listing of end products that are U.S. made but not domestic, or that are from a qualifying country, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, NAFTA country, or other nondesignated country.

- **DFARS 252.225-7009**, Duty-Free Entry-Qualifying Country Supplies (End Products and Components), **DFARS 252.225-7010**, Duty-Free Entry-Additional Provisions, and **DFARS 252.225-7037**, Duty-Free Entry-Eligible End Products, all as prescribed in 225.605-70, require the contractor or an authorized agent to provide information on shipping documents and customs forms regarding those items that are eligible for duty-free entry (proposed rule, published March 11, 1997, 62 FR 11142).

- **DFARS 252.225-7016** Restriction on Acquisition of Ball and Roller Bearings, as prescribed in 225.7019-4, requires contractor retention of records showing compliance with the restriction until 3 years after final payment. The contractor agrees to make the records available to the contracting officer upon

request. The Contractor may request a waiver in accordance with 225.7019-3, which also requires the contractor to submit a written plan for transitioning to domestically manufactured bearings, for a waiver under a multiyear contract or a contract exceeding 12 months.

- **DFARS 252.225-7018**, Notice of Prohibition of Certain Contracts with Foreign Entities for the Conduct of Ballistic Missile Defense RDTSE, as prescribed in 225.7011-5, is used in all competitively negotiated Ballistic Missile Defense solicitations for research, development, test, and evaluation, unless foreign participation is otherwise excluded, and requires the offeror to check its status as a U.S. firm.

- **DFARS 252.225-7020**, Trade Agreements Certificate, as prescribed in 225.408(a)(3), requires the offeror to list nondesignated country end products. This is a new provision, used in solicitations for information technology products subject to the Trade Agreements Act, in lieu of 252.225-7006 (proposed rule, published September 9, 1997, 62 FR 47407).

- **DFARS 252.225-7025**, Restriction on Acquisition of Forgings, as prescribed in 225.7102-4, requires contractor retention of records showing compliance with the restriction until 3 years after final payment. The contractor agrees to make the records available to the contracting officer upon request. The contractor may request a waiver in accordance with 225.7102-3.

- **DFARS 252.225-7026**, Reporting of Contract Performance Outside the United States, as prescribed in 225.7203, requires the contractor to submit a Report of Contract Performance Outside the United States when any part of the contract that exceeds a specified dollar threshold will be performed outside the United States. The specified threshold is \$500,000 for contracts that exceed \$10 million, or the simplified acquisition threshold (\$100,000) for contracts that exceed \$500,000. The Contractor may submit the report on DD Form 2139, Report of Contract Performance Outside the United States, or may use a computer-generated report that contains all information required by DD Form 2139 (proposed rule, published October 17, 1997, 62 FR 54017).

- **DFARS 252.225-7032**, Waiver of United Kingdom Levies, as prescribed in 225.873-3, requires United Kingdom (U.K.) prime contractors, and prime contractors with subcontracts of a dollar value exceeding \$1 million with U.K. firms, to provide certain information necessary for DoD to obtain a waiver of U.K. levies.

- **DFARS 252.225-7035**, Buy American Act—North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act—Balance of Payments Program Certificate, as prescribed in 225.408(a)(3), requires the offeror to list qualifying country (except Canada), NAFTA country, or other foreign end products. Alternate I, as prescribed in 225.408(a)(3), requires listing of Canadian end products, rather than NAFTA country end products, in solicitations between \$25,000 and \$50,000 (proposed rule published March 11, 1997 (62 FR 11142)).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revision of the Department of Defense 6055.9—Standard, Department of Defense Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) is today announcing several changes to Department of Defense 6055.9—Standard, dated October 1992. Because of the length of time since the Standard was last published in full, the DDESB is republishing the Standard with all changes adopted by the Board since 1992 incorporated therein.

The DDESB is taking this action pursuant to its statutory authority as set forth in Title 10, United States Code, Section 172 (10 U.S.C. 172) and DoD Directive 6055.9, "Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) and DoD Component Explosives Safety Responsibilities," July 29, 1996. The Standard is applicable to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments (including the Army and Air Force National Guards), the Defense Nuclear Agency, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Coast Guard (when under DoD control), and other parties who produce or manage ammunition or explosives under contract to the DoD. Through DoD 6055.9-STD, the DDESB establishes minimum explosives safety requirements for storing and handling ammunition and explosives. Copies of this Standard may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 27161.