

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs extending suspension of the Group II restriction for certain products from India.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

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.

A document published in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 1997 (62 FR 60826) announced the extension of the suspension of the Group II restriction for rayon filament yarn in HTS number 5403.31.0040 in Category 606 from India for the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has decided to extend the suspension for an additional twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999. A visa is still required for this product.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of imports in HTS number 5403.31.0040 from India or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in HTS number 5403.31.0040 is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L. LeGrande.

Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Information regarding the 1999 **CORRELATION** will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 4, 1998.

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

Dear Commissioner: Effective on January 1, 1999, man-made fiber textile products in HTS 5403.31.0040 in Category 606, in Group II, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999, shall not be subject to the Group II quota established for the 1999 period. A visa is still required for this product.

For U.S. Customs' administrative purposes, the remaining HTS numbers in Category 606 shall be designated Category 606(1) ¹.

To facilitate implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, effective on January 1, 1999, entry/entry summary procedures shall be required, and you shall continue to count imports for consumption and withdrawals from warehouse for consumption of textile products in HTS number 5403.31.0040 in Category 606(2) ², produced or manufactured in India and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Also effective on January 1, 1999, entry/entry summary procedures shall be required, and you shall count imports for consumption and withdrawals from warehouse for consumption of textile products in HTS number 5403.31.0040 in Category 606(2), produced or manufactured in India and exported during the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

Inasmuch as these imports may later be charged against the Group II level, it is important that an accurate count be taken.

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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¹ Category 606(1): all HTS numbers except 5403.31.0040 (Category 606(2)).

² Category 606(2): only HTS number 5403.31.0040.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB review; comment request

Action: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Waiver/Remission of Indebtedness Application; DD Form 2789; OMB Number 0730—[To Be Determined].

Type of Request: New Collection.

Number of Respondents: 11,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 11,500.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 23,000.

Needs and Uses: Used by current or former DoD civilian employees or military members to request waiver or remission of an indebtedness owed to the Department of Defense. Under 5 U.S.C. 5584, 10 U.S.C. 2774, and 32 U.S.C. 716, certain debts arising out of erroneous payments may be waived. Under 10 U.S.C. 4837, 10 U.S.C. 6161, and 10 U.S.C. 9837, certain debts may be remitted. Information obtained through this form is used in adjudicating the request for waiver or remission. Remissions apply only to active duty military members, and thus are not covered under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Criteria for waiver of a debt includes a determination that there is no indication of fraud, misrepresentation, fault, or lack of good faith on the part of the individual owing the debt or any other person interested in obtaining a waiver. Information obtained through the proposed collection is needed in order to adjudicate the waiver request under the law.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB review; comment request

Action: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Child Annuitant's School Certification; DD Form 2788; OMB Number 0730-0001.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 3,600.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 3,600.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 720.

Needs and Uses: In accordance with 10 USC 1435 and 10 USC 1447 and DoD Financial Management Regulation, 7000.14-R, Volume 7B, a child

annuitant between the age of 18 and 22 years of age must provide evidence of intent to continue study or training at a recognized educational institution. The certificate is required for the school semester or other period in which the school year is divided. The Child Annuitant's School Certification form is submitted to the child for completion and return to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The child will certify as to his or her intent for future enrollment and a school official must certify on the past or present school enrollment of the child. If information is not received after the end of each school enrollment, over-disbursements of an annuity would be made to a child who elected not to continue further training or study.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Semi-Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 99-04]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 99-04, with attached transmittal, policy justification, sensitivity of technology, and Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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