

Special Request

In order to conduct the survey described below during September–October 1997, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by September 16, 1997. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–1349.

Project Number: SOI–33.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 1997 View Debit Application Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Description: The Internal Revenue Service has developed the automated View Debit Telephone Application. The application allows taxpayers to hear a summary of detailed information pertaining to their individual tax collection account interactively, without customer service representative (CSR) involvement. The purpose of the survey is to assess the level of ease and satisfaction with using the View Debit application.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1260.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 1 minute.

Frequency of Response: Other (one-time only).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 21 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622–3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395–7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Customs Service****List of Foreign Entities Violating Textile Transshipment and Country of Origin Rules**

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document notifies the public of foreign entities which have

been issued a penalty claim under § 592 of the Tariff Act, for certain violations of the customs laws. This list is authorized to be published by § 333 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding any of the operational aspects, contact Michael Compeau, Branch Chief, Seizures and Penalties Division, at 202–927–0762. For information regarding any of the legal aspects, contact Ellen McClain, Office of Chief Counsel, at 202–927–6900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 333 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA)(Public Law 103–465, 108 Stat. 4809)(signed December 12, 1994), entitled Textile Transshipments, amended Part V of title IV of the Tariff Act of 1930 by creating a § 592A (19 U.S.C. 1592A), which authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to publish in the **Federal Register**, on a biannual basis, a list of the names of any producers, manufacturers, suppliers, sellers, exporters, or other persons located outside the Customs territory of the United States, when these entities have been issued a penalty claim under § 592 of the Tariff Act, for certain violations of the customs laws, provided that certain conditions are satisfied.

The violations of the Customs laws referred to above are the following: (1) Using documentation, or providing documentation subsequently used by the importer of record, which indicates a false or fraudulent country of origin or source of textile or apparel products; (2) Using counterfeit visas, licenses, permits, bills of lading, or similar documentation, or providing counterfeit visas, licenses, permits, bills of lading, or similar documentation that is subsequently used by the importer of record, with respect to the entry into the customs territory of the United States of textile or apparel products; (3) Manufacturing, producing, supplying, or selling textile or apparel products which are falsely or fraudulently labeled as to country of origin or source; and (4) Engaging in practices which aid or abet the transshipment, through a country other than the country of origin, of textile or apparel products in a manner which conceals the true origin of the textile or apparel products or permits the evasion of quotas on, or voluntary restraint agreements with respect to, imports of textile or apparel products.

If a penalty claim has been issued with respect to any of the above violations, and no petition in response to the claim has been filed, the name of the party to whom the penalty claim

was issued will appear on the list. If a petition, supplemental petition or second supplemental petition for relief from the penalty claim is submitted under 19 U.S.C. 1618, in accord with the time periods established by §§ 171.32 and 171.33, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 171.32, 171.33) and the petition is subsequently denied or the penalty is mitigated, and no further petition, if allowed, is received within 30 days of the denial or allowance of mitigation, then the administrative action shall be deemed to be final and administrative remedies will be deemed to be exhausted. Consequently, the name of the party to whom the penalty claim was issued will appear on the list. However, provision is made for an appeal to the Secretary of the Treasury by the person named on the list, for the removal of its name from the list. If the Secretary finds that such person or entity has not committed any of the enumerated violations for a period of not less than 3 years after the date on which the person or entity's name was published, the name will be removed from the list as of the next publication of the list.

Reasonable Care Required

Section 592A also requires any importer of record entering, introducing, or attempting to introduce into the commerce of the United States textile or apparel products that were either directly or indirectly produced, manufactured, supplied, sold, exported, or transported by such named person to show, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that such importer has exercised reasonable care to ensure that the textile or apparel products are accompanied by documentation, packaging, and labeling that are accurate as to its origin. Reliance solely upon information regarding the imported product from a person named on the list is clearly not the exercise of reasonable care. Thus, the textile and apparel importers who have some commercial relationship with one or more of the listed parties must exercise a degree of reasonable care in ensuring that the documentation covering the imported merchandise, as well as its packaging and labeling, is accurate as to the country of origin of the merchandise. This degree of reasonable care must rely on more than information supplied by the named party.

In meeting the reasonable care standard when importing textile or apparel products and when dealing with a party named on the list published pursuant to § 592A of the Tariff Act of 1930, an importer should consider the following questions in attempting to

ensure that the documentation, packaging, and labeling is accurate as to the country of origin of the imported merchandise. The list of questions is not exhaustive but is illustrative.

(1) Has the importer had a prior relationship with the named party?

(2) Has the importer had any detentions and/or seizures of textile or apparel products that were directly or indirectly produced, supplied, or transported by the named party?

(3) Has the importer visited the company's premises and ascertained that the company has the capacity to produce the merchandise?

(4) Where a claim of an origin conferring process is made in accordance with 19 CFR 102.21, has the importer ascertained that the named party actually performed the required process?

(5) Is the named party operating from the same country as is represented by that party on the documentation, packaging or labeling?

(6) Have quotas for the imported merchandise closed or are they nearing closing from the main producer countries for this commodity?

(7) What is the history of this country regarding this commodity?

(8) Have you asked questions of your supplier regarding the origin of the product?

(9) Where the importation is accompanied by a visa, permit, or license, has the importer verified with the supplier or manufacturer that the visa, permit, and/or license is both valid and accurate as to its origin? Has the importer scrutinized the visa, permit or license as to any irregularities that would call its authenticity into question?

The law authorizes a biannual publication of the names of the foreign entities. On April 1, 1997, Customs published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 15563) which identified 14 (fourteen) entities which fell within the purview of § 592A of the Tariff Act of 1930.

592A List

For the period ending September 30, 1997, Customs has identified 16 (sixteen) foreign entities that fall within the purview of § 592A of the Tariff Act of 1930. This list reflects the addition of 2 new entities to the 14 entities named on the list published on April 1, 1997. The parties on the current list were assessed a penalty claim under 19 U.S.C. 1592, for one or more of the four above-described violations. The administrative penalty action was concluded against the parties by one of

the actions noted above as having terminated the administrative process.

The names and addresses of the 16 foreign parties which have been assessed penalties by Customs for violations of § 592 are listed below pursuant to § 592A. This list supersedes any previously published list. The names and addresses of the 16 foreign parties, and the month and year, in parentheses, in which the name of the company was first published in the **Federal Register**, are as follows:

Azmat Bangladesh, Plot Number 22-23, Sector 2 EPZ, Chittagong 4233, Bangladesh. (9/96)

Bestraight Limited, Room 5K, World Tech Centre, 95 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong. (3/96)

Cotton Breeze International, 13/1578 Govindpuri, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Cupid Fashion Manufacturing Ltd., 17/F Block B, Wongs Factory Building, 368-370 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong. (9/97)

Hanin Garment Factory, 31 Tai Yau Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. (3/96)

Hip Hing Thread Company, No. 10, 6/F Building A, 221 Texaco Road, Waikai Industrial Centre, Tsuen Wan, N.T. Hong Kong. (3/96)

Hyattex Industrial Company, 3F, No. 207-4 Hsin Shu road, Hsin Chuang City, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan. (9/96)

Jentex Industrial, 7-1 Fl., No. 246, Chang An E. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei, Taiwan. (3/97)

Li Xing Garment Company Limited, 2/F Long Guang Building, Number 2 Manufacturing District, Sanxiang Town, Zhongshan, Guangdong, China. (9/96)

Meigao Jamaica Company Limited, 134 Pineapple Ave., Kingston, Jamaica. (9/96)

Meiya Garment Manufacturers Limited, No. 2 Building, 3/F, Shantou Special Economic Zone, Shantou, China. (9/96)

Poshak International, H-83 South Extension, Part-I (Back Side), New Delhi, India. (3/96)

Sun Weaving Mill Ltd., Lee Sum Factory Building, Block 1 & 2, 23 Sze Mei Street, Sanpokong, Bk 1/2, Kowloon, Hong Kong. (9/97)

Topstyle Limited, 6/F, South Block, Kwai Shun Industrial Center, 51-63 Container Port Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong. (9/96)

United Fashions, C-7 Rajouri Garden, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Yunnan Provincial Textiles Import & Export, 576 Beijing Road Kunming, Yun Nan, China. (3/96)

Any of the above parties may petition to have its name removed from the list. Such petitions, to include any documentation that the petitioner deems pertinent to the petition, should be forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, United States Customs Service, 1301 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20229.

Additional Foreign Entities

In the April 1, 1997 **Federal Register** notice, Customs also solicited information regarding the whereabouts of 40 foreign entities, which were identified by name and known address, concerning alleged violations of § 592. Persons with knowledge of the whereabouts of those 40 entities were requested to contact the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, United States Customs Service, 1301 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20229.

In this document, a new list is being published which contains the names and last known addresses of 39 entities. This reflects the addition of six new entities to the list and the removal of seven entities from the list. The seven entities removed from the list are China Artex Corp. Beijing Arts, Glee Dragon Garment Mfg. Ltd., Gold Tube Ltd., Hambridge Ltd., Kin Fung Knitting Factory, Moderntex International and Samsung Corporation.

Customs is soliciting information regarding the whereabouts of the following 39 foreign entities concerning alleged violations of § 592. Their names and last known addresses, and the month and year, in parentheses, in which the name of the company was first published in the **Federal Register**, are listed below:

Bahadur International, 250 Naraw Industrial Area, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Madan Exports, E-106 Krishna Nagar, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Gulnar Fashion Export, 14 Hari Nagar, Ashram, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Janardhan Exports, E-106 Krishna Nagar, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Morrin International, E-106 Krishna Nagar, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Jai Arjun Mfg., Co., B 4/40 Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Eroz Fashions, 535 Tuglakabad Extension, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Shenzhen Long Gang Ji Chuen, Shenzhen, Long Gang Zhen, China. (9/95)

Traffic, D1/180 Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi, India. (9/95)

Raj Connections, E-106 Krishna Nagar, Delhi, India. (9/95)

Bao An Wing Shing Garment Factory, Ado Shi Qu, Bao An Shen Zhen, China. (9/95)

Guidetex Garment Factory, 12 Qian Jin Dong Jie, Yao Tai Xian Yuan Li, Canton, China. (9/95)

Dechang Garment Factory, Shantou S.E.Z., Cheng Hai, Cheng Shing, China. (9/95)

Guangdong Provincial Improved, 60 Ren Min Road, Guangdong, China. (9/95)

Kin Cheong Garment Factory, No. 13 Shantan Street, Sikou Country, Taishan, Kwangtung, China. (9/95)

Sam Hings Bags Factory, Ltd., #35 Tai Ping West Road, Jiu Jaing, Ghangdong, China. (9/95)

Luen Kong Handbag Factory, 33 Nanyuan Road, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China. (9/95)

Changping High Stage Knitting, Yuan Jing Yuan, Chau Li Qu Chang, Guangdong, China. (9/95)

Arsian Company Ltd, XII Khorcolo, Waanbaatar, Mongolia. (9/95)

Cahaya Suria Sdn Bhd, Lot 5, Jalan 3, Kedah, Malaysia. (9/95)

Crown Garments Factory Sdn Bhd, Lot 112, Jalan Kencana, Bagan Ajam, Malaysia. (9/95)

Richman Garment Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 7th Fl, Singapore Industrial Bldg., 338 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. (9/95)

Herrel Company, 64 Rowell Road, Suva, Fiji. (9/95)

Belwear Co., Ltd., Flat C, 3rd Floor, Yuk Yat Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. (9/95)

Kingston Garment Ltd., Lot 42-44 Caracas Dr., Kingston, Jamaica. (9/95)

Poltex Sdn, 8 Jalan Serdang, Kedah, Malaysia. (9/95)

Sam Hing International Enterprise, 5 Guernsey St., Guilford NSW, Australia. (9/95)

Societe Prospere De Vetements S.A., Lome, Togo. (9/95)

Confecciones Kalinda S.A., Zona Franca, Los Alcarizos, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. (9/95)

Royal Mandarin Knitworks Co., Flat C 21/F, So Tau Centre, 11-15 Sau Road, Kwai Chung, N.T., Hong Kong. (9/95)

Wong's International, Nairamdliyn 26, Ulaanbaatar 11, Naun, Mongolia. (9/95)

Lin Fashions S.A., Lot 111, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. (9/96)

United Textile and Weaving, P.O. Box 40355, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. (3/97)

Envestisman Sanayi A.S., Buyukdere Cad 47, Tek Is Merkezi, Istanbul, Turkey. (9/97)

Land Global Ltd., Block c, 14/F, Y.P. Fat Building, Phase 1, 77 Hoi Yuen Road, Kowloon Road, Hong Kong. (9/97)

Patenter Trading Company, Block C. 14/F, Yip Fat Industrial Building, Phase 1, 77 Hoi Yuen Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. (9/97)

Zuun Mod Garment Factory Ltd., Tuv Aimag, Mongolia. (9/97)

Round Ford Investments, 37-39 Ma Tau Wai Road, 13/f Tower B, Kowloon, Hong Kong. (9/97)

Shanghai Yang Yuan Garment Factory, 2 Zhaogao Road, Chuanshin, Shanghai, China. (9/97)

If you have any information as to a correct mailing address for any of the above 39 firms, please send that information to the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs Service, 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

Robert S. Trotter,

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0465]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements to determine the individual's continued entitlement to VA benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0465" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the

collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title and Form Numbers: Student Verification of Enrollment, VA Forms 22-8979 and 22-8979-1.

(**Note:** VA Forms 22-8979 and 22-8979-1 collect the same information. VA Form 22-8979 is electronically generated for monthly mailings while VA Form 22-8979-1 is printed and distributed to VA regional offices for individual use.)

OMB Control Number: 2900-0465.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used by students in certifying attendance and continued enrollment in courses leading to a standard college degree or in non-college degree programs. The information is used to determine the individual's continued entitlement to VA benefits.

VA is authorized to pay educational benefits to veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs not leading to a standard college degree under Chapters 30, 32, and 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606, Title 10, U.S.C.; and Section 903 of Public Law 96-342. VA Form 22-8979 serves as the form for reporting necessary certification of actual attendance and verification of the student's continued enrollment for claimant's pursuing non-college degree programs.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 189,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 324,000.

Dated: September 2, 1997.

William T. Morgan,
Management Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs will be held Monday and Tuesday, September 22-23, 1997, at VA Headquarters, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington,