

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

October 7, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice printed on purple guilloche pattern background paper.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

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

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 Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China have agreed to amend the existing export visa requirements to provide for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice, issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China, for shipments of goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China on and after January 1, 1998. The new license/invoice shall be printed on purple guilloche patterned background paper with the map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The new form has perforated tractor feeds on both sides, and the pattern of the paper has smaller intersecting waves. The purple form replaces the light grey export license/commercial invoice currently in use. The visa stamp is not being changed at this time.

Shipments of textile and apparel products which are produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1998 through February 28, 1998 may be accompanied by a visa printed on either the light grey background paper or the purple background paper as described above. Both the light grey and the purple forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

See 60 FR 22567, published on May 8, 1995.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 7, 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 May 3, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive establishes an export visa arrangement for certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 1998, you are directed to amend the May 3, 1995 directive to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on purple guilloche patterned background paper with a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The new form has perforated tractor feeds on both sides, and the pattern of the paper has smaller intersecting waves. The purple form will replace the light grey form currently being used.

To facilitate implementation of this amendment to the export licensing system, I request that you permit entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1998 through February 28, 1998, for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has issued an export license/commercial invoice printed on either the light grey background paper or the purple background paper as described above. Both the light grey and the purple forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Goods exported on and after March 1, 1998 must be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China only on the purple license/invoice form.

The requirements for ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) remain unchanged.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to 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

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Meeting Notice; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

TIME AND DATE: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., November 3, 1997.

PLACE: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Board of Regents Conference Room (D3001), 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-47999.

STATUS: Open—under "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

8:30 a.m. Meeting—Board of Regents

- (1) Approval of Minutes—August 4, 1997
- (2) Faculty Matters
- (3) Departmental Reports
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Report—President, USUHS
- (6) Report—Dean, School of Medicine
- (7) Report—Dean, Graduate School of Nursing
- (8) Comments—Chairman, Board of Regents
- (9) New Business

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Bobby D. Anderson, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, (301) 295-3116.

Dated: October 9, 1997.

Linda Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill,

Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: October 7, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Case Studies of the Implementation of the Crossroads Cafe Project.

Frequency: Weekly.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 316.

Burden Hours: 1,533.

Abstract: This study is designed to provide the U.S. Department of Education with information on the implementation of the Crossroads Cafe Project, a distance education model for delivering English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) services to adult ESL learners. The study will also provide a pilot test of a design for an impact evaluation of the Crossroads Cafe Project. Data will be gathered from approximately 200 adult ESL learners and teachers at three state sites, as well as state implementation team members and technical assistance providers.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Wetland Involvement for Installation of Air Monitoring Station No. 28 at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP)

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Fernald Environmental Management Project.

ACTION: Notice of wetland involvement.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice of DOE's proposal to install an air monitoring station along with construction of an access road, to comply with provisions of the Clean Air Act, at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP), located about 18 miles northwest of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. This activity will involve a wetland in Butler County, Ohio. In accordance with 10 CFR 1022, DOE will prepare a Wetland Assessment and conduct the proposed action in such a manner to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected wetland area.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the DOE at the following address on or before October 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: For further information on this proposed action, including a site map and/or a copy of the Wetlands Assessment, contact: Mr. David R. Kozlowski, Associate Director, Office of Safety and Assessment, U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project Office, P.O. Box 538705, Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8705; *Phone:* (513) 648-3187; *Facsimile:* (513) 648-3077.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on general DOE wetland and floodplain environmental review requirements, contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585; *Phone:* (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed activity would be required to comply with the Clean Air Act provisions for ambient air monitoring. Included is the construction of an access road, installation of electrical power, and placement of a step unit to mount the air monitor. Approximately 0.3 acres of wetlands would be affected. Wetland impacts would occur from installation of the gravel access road over the existing wetland, resulting in physical disturbance and filling of wetland areas. Best management practices would be utilized to minimize the amount of wetland area impacted. For example, the access road would be routed to impose the least impact to the wetland, erosion controls such as silt fences would be utilized during construction of the access road in order to minimize sediment deposition into the wetland, and culverts would be placed beneath the access road to allow continued overland flow to the wetland.

Issued in Miamisburg, Ohio on September 26, 1997.

Susan L. Smiley,

NEPA Compliance Officer, Ohio Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4186-000]

Agway Energy Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

October 8, 1997.

Agway Energy Services, Inc. (Agway) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Agway will engage in wholesale electric power and energy