

Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations

Sections 315.801 Probationary period; when required, (waived only for positions in the Scientific and Engineering Career path)

Section 315.802 Length of probationary period, (waived only for positions in the Scientific and Engineering Career path)

Section 351.401 Determining Retention Standing.

Section 351.402 Competitive area in RIF.

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Section 351.504 (a) and (d) Credit for Performance.

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Section 531.203 Minimum rate for new appointments.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Government Owned Invention Available for Licensing**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Commerce; Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a government owned invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce, and is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The invention available for licensing is:

NIST Docket Number: 96-035.

Title: Mechanical Support For A Two Pill Adiabatic Demagnetization Refrigerator.

Abstract: The invention uses two paramagnetic cooling materials, called pills, supported on only one side of a magnet. The design simplifies the support and provides more active pill area in the bore of the magnet. Also described is a support design in which all of the support strings are placed on a compact support assembly that provides for stable tensioning.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

Elaine Buntten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Jointly Owned Invention Available for Licensing**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Commerce; Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a jointly owned invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce and Cornell University. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in this invention is available for non-exclusive licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

The invention available for non-exclusive licensing is:

NIST Docket Number: 96-019.

Title: Fabrication Of Structures By Metastable-Atom Impact Desorption Of A Passivating Layer.

Description: This invention consists of a new process for fabricating microstructures on a surface. It utilizes the energy contained in neutral metastable rare gas atoms to remove passivating atoms from selected areas of a surface, allowing further chemical processing to add or remove material to

the exposed areas. Some of the advantages of this process are realized by the introduction of atom optical techniques, which allow structures to be fabricated with significantly higher resolution than can be achieved with optical lithography, and with a greater amount of parallelism than can be achieved with electron or ion beam techniques.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

Elaine Buntten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Owned Invention Available for Licensing**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Commerce; Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a jointly owned invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce and X-Ray Optical. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in this invention is available for non-exclusive licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; FAX 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

The invention available for non-exclusive licensing is:

NIST Docket No: 96-034.

Title: Microcalorimeter X-Ray Detectors With X-Ray Lens.

Description: The invention uses an x-ray polycapillary lens to collect x-rays from a point source over a large solid angle and focus them onto an x-ray microcalorimeter detector. The x-ray lens enhances the capabilities of present detectors and allows for the detector to be placed farther from the source.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

October 17, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 21, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, 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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing, special shift, carryforward and carryforward used.

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 61 FR 68143, published on December 27, 1996.

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 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.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 17, 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 December 20, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on October 21, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month level ¹
218	8,722,076 square meters.
219	63,803,083 square meters.
315	11,504,704 square meters.
317	40,078,642 square meters.
338/339	3,638,394 dozen.
340/640	1,866,252 dozen.
341	4,436,434 dozen of which not more than 2,529,123 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ² .
342/642	1,182,485 dozen.
347/348	709,521 dozen.
363	38,338,869 numbers.
369-D ³	1,299,344 kilograms.
641	1,285,070 dozen.
647/648	661,639 dozen.
Group II	
200, 201, 220-229, 237, 239, 300, 301, 330-333, 349, 350, 352, 359-362, 600-607, 611-629, 630-633, 638, 639, 643-646, 649, 650, 652, 659, 665-O ⁴ , 666, 669, 670, and 831-859, as a group..	104,426,558 square meters equivalent.

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

² Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

³ Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

⁴ Category 665-O: all HTS numbers except 5702.10.9030, 5702.42.2020, 5702.92.0010 and 5703.20.1000 (rugs).

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

October 17, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 21, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, 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 current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing and recrediting of unused carryforward.

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 65197, published on December 11, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all