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**COMMITTEE FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE  
AGREEMENTS**

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain  
Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber  
Textiles and Textile Products and Silk  
Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber  
Apparel Produced or Manufactured in  
the Philippines**

October 22, 1997.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 30, 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 special  
shift.

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 64507, published on  
December 5, 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, 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 22, 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 November 29, 1996, by the  
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements. That directive  
concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and  
man-made fiber textiles and textile products  
and silk blend and other vegetable fiber  
apparel, produced or manufactured in the  
Philippines and exported during the twelve-  
month period beginning on January 1, 1997  
and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on October 30, 1997, you are  
directed to adjust the current limits for the  
following categories, pursuant to the Uruguay  
Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay  
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
Levels in Group I	
237 .....	727,157 dozen.
338/339 .....	2,208,953 dozen.
638/639 .....	2,535,437 dozen.
Group II	
200-229, 300-326, 330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O <sup>2</sup> , 360, 362, 363, 369-O <sup>3</sup> , 400-414, 432, 434-442, 444, 448, 459, 464-469, 600- 607, 613-629, 630, 632, 644, 653, 654, 659-O <sup>4</sup> , 665, 666, 669-O <sup>5</sup> , 670-O <sup>6</sup> , 831-846 and 850-859, as a group.	171,119,294 square meters equivalent.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to ac-  
count for any imports exported after December  
31, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except  
6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020,  
6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052,  
6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010,  
6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and  
6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C).

<sup>3</sup> Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except  
6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S).

<sup>4</sup> Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except  
6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025,  
6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020,  
6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014,  
6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010,  
6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090,  
6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010,  
6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010  
(Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030,  
6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090,  
6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and  
6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H).

<sup>5</sup> Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except  
6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010,  
6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category  
669-P).

<sup>6</sup> Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except  
4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020,  
4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category  
670-L).

The Committee for the Implementation of  
Textile Agreements has determined that  
these actions fall 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**

**GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0134]

**Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request Entitled Environmentally  
Sound Products**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),  
and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public  
comments regarding an extension to an  
existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal  
Acquisition Regulation (FAR)  
Secretariat will be submitting to the  
Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) a request to review and approve  
an extension of a currently approved  
information collection requirement  
concerning Environmentally Sound  
Products. The clearance currently  
expires on February 28, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on  
or before December 29, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition  
Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this  
burden estimate or any other aspect of  
this collection of information, including  
suggestions for reducing this burden,  
should be submitted to: FAR Desk  
Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB,  
Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to  
the General Services Administration,  
FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW,  
Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405.  
Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0134,

Environmentally Sound Products, in all correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

This information collection complies with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962). RCRA requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate items which are or can be produced with recovered materials. RCRA further requires agencies to develop affirmative procurement programs to ensure that items composed of recovered materials will be purchased to the maximum extent practicable. Affirmative procurement programs required under RCRA must contain, as a minimum (1) a recovered materials preference program and an agency promotion program for the preference program; (2) a program for requiring estimates of the total percentage of recovered materials used in the performance of a contract, certification of minimum recovered material content actually used, where appropriate, and reasonable verification procedures for estimates and certifications; and (3) annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of an agency's affirmative procurement program.

The items for which EPA has designated minimum recovered material content standards are (1) cement and concrete containing fly ash, (2) paper and paper products, (3) lubricating oil containing re-refined oil, (4) retread tires, and (5) building insulation products. The FAR rule also permits agencies to obtain pre-award information from offerors regarding the content of items which the agency has designated as requiring minimum percentages of recovered materials. There are presently no known agency designated items.

In accordance with RCRA, the information collection applies to acquisitions requiring minimum percentages of recovered materials, when the price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or when the aggregate amount paid for the item or functionally equivalent items in the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more.

Contracting officers use the information to verify offeror/contractor compliance with solicitation and contract requirements regarding the use of recovered materials. Additionally, agencies use the information in the annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of the affirmative procurement programs required by RCRA.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 64,350; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 64,350; preparation hours per response, .5; and total response burden hours, 32,175.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:** Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB control No. 9000-0134, Environmentally Sound Products, in all correspondence.

Dated: October 20, 1997.

**Sharon A. Kiser,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

**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:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by November 10, 1997. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the

proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

Written comments regarding the regular clearance 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, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**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 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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