

issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1997).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of a Certificate in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

#### Description of Amended Certificate

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 89-3A018, was issued to Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, Inc. on March 19, 1990 (55 FR 11041, March 26, 1990), and previously amended on July 6, 1990 (55 FR 29398, July 19, 1990).

OPEI's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended. The only change in the OPEI Certificate was in its membership. The members of the OPEI Certificate are currently as follows: Ariens Company, Brillion, WI; Deere & Company for the activities of its division, Worldwide Lawn & Grounds Care Division, Moline, IL; Dixon Industries, Inc. A Blount Company, Coffeyville, KS; Excel Industries, Inc., Hesston, KS; Exmark Manufacturing Company, Inc., Beatrice, NE; Frigidaire Home Products, Augusta, GA; Garden Way, Inc., Rensselaer, NY; Hoffco, Inc., Richmond, IN; Honda Power Equipment Manufacturing, Inc., Swepsonville, NC; Howard Price Turf Equipment, Chesterfield, MO; Ingersoll Equipment Company, Inc., Winnecone, WI; Kut-Kwick Corporation, Brunswick, GA; Maxim Manufacturing Corporation, Sebastopol, MS; MTD Products, Inc., Valley City, OH; Murray Inc., Brentwood, TN; Ransomes, Inc., Johnson Creek, WI; Scag Power Equipment, Inc., Mayville, WI; Simplicity Manufacturing, Inc., Port Washington, WI; Solo Incorporated, Newport News, VA; Southland Mower Company, Selma, AL; Textron, Inc. for the activities of Bunton, a division of Jacobsen, a division of Textron, Inc., Louisville, KY; Toro Company, The, Minneapolis, MN; and Yazoo Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jackson, MS.

The effective date of the amended certificate is September 16, 1997. A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility,

Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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#### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

##### Announcement of Public Comment Period on the Elimination of the Paper Visa Requirement with the Government of Malaysia

February 23, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Seeking public comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement with the Government of Malaysia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori Mennitt, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3821.

#### 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.

The Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) allows foreign governments to electronically transfer shipment information to the U.S. Customs Service on textile and apparel shipments subject to quantitative restrictions. On November 9, 1995, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 56576) seeking public comments on the implementation of ELVIS. Subsequently, documents published on April 17, 1997 (62 FR 18758) announced that the Government of Malaysia, starting on May 1, 1997, would begin an ELVIS test implementation phase. This test phase does not eliminate the requirement for a valid paper visa to accompany each shipment for entry into the United States.

As a result of successful use of the dual visa system, preparations are under way to move beyond the current dual system to the paperless ELVIS system with Malaysia. However, exempt goods will still require a proper and correct exempt certification.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements is requesting interested parties to submit

comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement for Malaysia and utilization of the ELVIS system exclusively. Comments must be received on or before April 28, 1998. Comments may be mailed to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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).

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Proposed Amendments to Chicago Mercantile Exchange Butter Futures Contract Regarding Locational Price Differentials

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed amendments.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has proposed amendments to Chicago Mercantile Exchange butter futures contract which will revise the contract's locational price differentials. The proposal was submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to

secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME butter contract.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the existing butter futures contract, delivery may be made from approved domestic facilities located within the 48 contiguous states of the U.S. The par delivery area includes Chicago and all locations east of the western boundaries of lower Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Deliveries outside the par delivery area currently are subject to discounts which increase by \$.005 per pound for every 400 miles west of Chicago, beginning at \$.005 for locations up to 400 miles outside Chicago, and ending at \$.025 per pound for locations beyond 1600 miles.

Under the proposed amendments, the futures contract's par delivery location will consist of Chicago only. All other locations would be subject to discounts based on the following schedule: (1) locations up to 400 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.010 per pound; (2) locations between 400 and 800 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.020 per pound; (3) locations between 800 and 1200 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.025 per pound; (4) locations between 1200 and 1600 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.030 per pound; (5) locations between 1600 and 2000 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.040 per pound; and (6) locations greater than 2000 miles outside Chicago, at a discount of \$.045 per pound. The CME proposes to apply the amendments to all newly listed contract months, commencing with the February 1999 contract month.

The Exchange states that the current price differentials "no longer accurately reflect the true level of price differentials that exist during the majority of the year and are no longer based on the majority of cash butter transactions that occur in locations outside of Chicago." The CME indicated that the proposed par delivery location and locational price differentials for alternative delivery points were selected based on the Exchange's analysis of quoted cash butter price differences between Chicago and California, prevailing transportation rates for shipping butter from West Coast locations to Chicago, and information obtained from industry sources. The

Exchange also notes that the proposed locational price differentials conform to the locational differentials specified for the Exchange's spot call market for butter.

The proposed amendments were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposal, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on April 6, 1998, 45 days after receipt of the proposal. In view of the limited review period provided under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

The Commission is specifically requesting comment on the extent to which the proposal conforms to the Commission's policy on the establishment of locational price differentials. That policy provides that locational price differentials specified in futures contracts should reflect normal commercial price differences between the delivery points specified for the contracts. When cash market conditions result in unstable price relationships among delivery points, the policy provides that locational price differentials be set at levels that fall within the range of values commonly observed or expected to occur in the future.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the internet on the CFTC website at [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov) under "What's Pending".

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 23, 1998.

**John R. Mielke,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Headquarters Air Force, Air Force Personnel Center, Officer Accession Branch.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Officer Accessions Branch, Air Force Personnel Center, announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Air Force Personnel Center, Officer Accessions Branch (DPPAO), ATTN: Mr. Stephen Mohacey, or Ms. Blanche Rigney, 550 C Street West, Suite 10, Randolph Air Force Base TX 78159-4712.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and