

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

May 27, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 31, 1998.

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

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.

Effective on May 31, 1998, textile products in Categories 342/642, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported on or after May 31, 1998, will no longer require a visa. In addition, products in Categories 342/642 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 55 FR 3079, published on January 30, 1990.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 27, 1998.

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 January 24, 1990, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Guatemala which were not properly visaed by the Government of Guatemala.

Effective on May 31, 1998, you are directed to no longer require a visa for shipments of textile products in Categories 342/642 which are produced or manufactured in Guatemala

and exported on or after May 31, 1998. In addition, products in Categories 342/642 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 247, Transportation, and the clauses at 252.247-7000, 252.247-7001, 252.247-7002, 252.247-7007, 252.247-7022, 252.247-7023, and 252.247-7024; OMB Number 0704-0245.

Type of Request: Revision.
Number of Respondents: 102,624.
Responses per Respondent: 2.9.
Annual Responses: 302,625.
Average Burden per Response: 0.5 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 152,320.
Needs and Uses: This information collection is used by contracting officers in applying transportation and traffic management considerations in the acquisition of supplies, and in acquiring transportation or transportation-related services. This revision reflects a transfer of reporting requirements currently approved under OMB Control Number 0704-0187 that more appropriately belong under this clearance. The information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 247, Transportation. DFARS 252.247.7000(a) requires contractors for stevedoring services to notify the contracting officer of unusual conditions associated with loading or unloading a particular cargo for potential adjustment of the contract labor rates. DFARS 252.247-7001 requires contractors for stevedoring services, under contracts awarded using

sealed bidding procedures, to notify the contracting officer of certain changes in the wage rates or benefits that apply to its direct labor employees, for potential adjustment to the existing contract commodity, activity, or work-hour prices. DFARS 252.247-7002 permits contractors for stevedoring services, under contracts awarded using negotiation procedures, to deliver a written demand that the parties negotiate to revise the prices under the contract, DFARS 252.247-7007(f) requires contractors for stevedoring services to furnish the contracting officer with satisfactory evidence of insurance before performance of any work under the contract. DFARS 252.247-7022 requires the offeror to represent whether it anticipates that supplies will be transported by sea in the performance of any resulting contract or subcontract. DFARS 252.247-7023(c) requires the contractor to submit a written request to the contracting officer for use of other than U.S. flag vessels in the performance of the contract. DFARS 252.247-7023(d) requires the contractor to submit to the contracting officer, one copy of the rated on board vessel operating carrier's ocean bill of lading. DFARS 252.247-7023(e) requires the contractor to provide, with its final invoice, a representation that: (1) no ocean transportation was used in the performance of the contract; (2) only U.S. flag vessels were used for all ocean shipments under the contract; (3) the contractor had the written consent of the contracting officer for all non-U.S.-flag ocean transportation; or (4) shipments were made on non-U.S.-flag vessels without the written consent of the contracting officer. DFARS 252.247-7024(a) requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer when the contractor learns that supplies are to be transported by sea and the contractor indicated, in response to the solicitation, that it did not anticipate transporting any supplies by sea.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit, Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR,

1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: May 22, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 237.70, Mortuary Services, and the associated clause at DFARS 252.237-7011; OMB Number 0704-0231.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 800.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Response: 800.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 400.

Needs and Uses: This requirement provides for the collection of necessary information from contractors regarding the results of the embalming process under contracts for mortuary services. The information is used to ensure proper preparation of the body for shipment and burial. The clause at DFARS 252.237-7011, Preparation History, requires that the contractor submit information describing the results of the embalming process on each body prepared for burial under a DoD contract.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Dated: May 22, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Air Force Academy (USAFA).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Air Force Academy, Office of the USAF Academy Admissions Liaison, Karen E. Parker, Chief of Admissions Liaison, Room 5E152, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on 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 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 July 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Karen E. Parker, Chief, Admissions Liaison, United States Air Force Academy Liaison Office, USAFA/RRR, Room 5E152, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection of information, please write to above address.

Title, Associated form, and OMB Number: DD Form 1870, "Nomination for Appointment to the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy and Air Force Academy," OMB Number 0701-0026.

Needs and uses: The information collection requirement is necessary in

order to receive nominations from all Members of Congress, Vice President, Delegates to Congress, and the Governor and Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico annually to each of the three service academies as legal nominating authorities. This information collection which results in appointments made to the academies is in compliance with 10 USC 4362, 6953, 9342 and 32 CFR 901.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Annual Burden Hours: 7,713.

Number of Respondents: 15,425.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 5 hour.

Frequency: One time annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DD Form 1870, Nomination for Appointment to the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, and Air Force Academy, is used solely by legal nominating authorities who by federal law are entitled to make appointments to the three service academies. The form is used by all three service academies. The nomination form allows for legal nominating authorities to select by checking one box as to which academy is being provided with the name of a nominee. The form provides the required information in order for a nomination to be processed. Eligibility information concerning the nominees is also satisfied via the data requested. The legal nominating authority identifies himself and must date and sign the form to make it a legally acceptable form. The form provides three addresses for the form to be returned. Addresses are provided at the bottom of the form for each of the service academies in order that the appropriate academy may receive the form which has been so designated to be sent to them.

Barbara A. Carmichael,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 22, 1998.

Take notice that on May 18, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation