

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mauritius

June 16, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 23, 1998.

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: 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 current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for shift, special shift, and 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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67626, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 16, 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 December 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on June 23, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the categories listed below, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
338/339	559,351 dozen.
347/348	1,053,280 dozen.
638/639	449,905 dozen.
647/648/847	551,304 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

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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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Chuck Helfer, Office of Evaluation, (202) 606-5000, Extension 248, or through e-mail request (chelfer@cns.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, NW., Washington, DC 20503. (202) 395-7316, by July 22, 1998.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

I. Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Accomplishment Survey

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Accomplishment Survey.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Public and private non-profit institutions served by FGP volunteers.

Number of Respondents: 1,250.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 937.5 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$14,062.50.

Description: The Corporation has been working on and conducting accomplishment surveys for all of its programs to assess the direct accomplishments of volunteers and members in their communities and at their workstations. To date, accomplishment data has not been collected for the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP). "Accomplishments" refer to the immediate, measurable outputs, or products of the services provided by the senior volunteers.

II. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Accomplishment Survey

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Accomplishment Survey.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Public and private non-profit institutions served by RSVP volunteers.

Number of Respondents: 1,250.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 937.5 hours.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$14,062.50.

Description: The Corporation has been working on and conducting accomplishment surveys for all of its programs to assess the direct accomplishments of volunteers and members in their communities and at their workstations. In the past, accomplishment data has been collected for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) only once as part of a test study conducted in 1996 for the Corporation by Westat, Inc., an independent evaluation contractor. "Accomplishments" refer to the immediate, measurable outputs, or products of the services provided by the senior volunteers.

III. Senior Companion Program (SCP) Accomplishment Survey

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Senior Companion Program (SCP) Accomplishment Survey.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Public and private non-profit institutions served by FGP volunteers.

Number of Respondents: 1,250.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 937.5 hours.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$14,062.50.

Description: The Corporation has been working on and conducting accomplishment surveys for all of its programs to assess the direct accomplishments of volunteers and members in their communities and at their workstations. To date, accomplishment data has not been collected for the SCP. Therefore, the Corporation seeks an accomplishment survey for the SCP. "Accomplishments" refer to the immediate, measurable outputs, or products of the services provided by the senior volunteers.

IV. Background

The Corporation published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 1832, dated January 12, 1998), for the 60-day public comment period. In response to the 60-day public comment period on

its proposed National Senior Service Corps Activities, Inputs and Accomplishments Surveys, 323 written comments were received broken down as follows: 37 on the SCP Survey, 77 on the FGP Survey, and 209 on the RSVP Survey. Approximately half of the project directors felt that the survey would be burdensome to a station supervisor. Thirty-eight percent of project directors suggested that Project Directors were better suited to fill out the survey because of station supervisors workload, lack of information, and potential damage to the project director/station supervisor relationship.

With respect to administration, almost all of the Foster Grandparent project directors stated that summer administration was not advised, as schools are closed over the summer. A tailored survey approach was suggested by a quarter of RSVP project directors because the survey was too long. One-fifth of the Senior Companions project directors and one-third of the Foster Grandparent project directors commented that their stations do not participate in professional activities. Lastly, approximately one-third of all project directors supplied specific wording, graphics or formatting suggestions. Based on the comments received, the Survey instruments, administration process and time line were revised. Changes can be summarized as follows:

- Administration of the Project Profile and Volunteer Activity (PPVA) data collection will be suspended for 1998 (and will resume in 1999) to reduce overall administrative burden as projects modify existing input-based data collection systems to include more outcome-oriented information on accomplishments.
- The Surveys will now be mailed to Project Directors instead of directly to Station Supervisors. Project Directors will work with stations selected for the samples in reporting the data.
- The deadline for submission of completed surveys will be delayed to September 30, 1998, to avoid potential reporting difficulties for stations such as schools which experience summer down-time.
- The RSVP Survey will be customized for each selected station to include only those BHN (Basic Human Needs) service codes specific to that station's operations.
- BHN service code definitions, which were designed to accommodate the broadest range of service activities in Senior Corps programs, were customized for the FGP and SCP

Surveys to provide specific examples more applicable to these programs.

- Refinements were made in wording, format, and instructions.

Dated: June 16, 1998.

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General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses announces public information collections and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are 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 August 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 901, Falls Church, VA 22041, ATTN: Mr. Bob Menig.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection please write to the above address, or call the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses at (703) 578-8500.

Title and OMB Number: Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses—Generic Clearance; OMB Number 0704-[To be determined.]

Needs and Uses: The information collections addressed by this notice are