

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new export visa stamp.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 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.

Beginning on February 1, 1998, the Government of the Republic of Hungary will start issuing a new export visa stamp for shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Hungary and exported from Hungary on or after February 1, 1998. There will be a one-month grace period from February 1, 1998 through February 28, 1998, during which products exported from Hungary may be accompanied by either the old or new export visa stamp. Products exported from Hungary on or after March 1, 1998 must be accompanied by the new export visa stamp.

A facsimile of the new visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., room 3104, Washington, DC.

See 49 FR 8659, published on March 8, 1984.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 26, 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 March 5, 1984, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directed you to prohibit entry of certain textile products, produced or manufactured in Hungary for which the Government of the Republic of Hungary has not issued an appropriate export visa.

Beginning on February 1, 1998, you are directed to amend further the directive dated March 5, 1984 to provide for the use of a new export visa stamp issued by the Government of the Republic of Hungary to accompany shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Hungary and exported from Hungary on or after February 1, 1998.

Textile products exported from Hungary during the period February 1, 1998 through February 28, 1998 may be accompanied by either the old or new export visa stamp.

Products exported from Hungary on or after March 1, 1998 must be accompanied by the new export visa stamp.

A facsimile of the new visa stamp is enclosed with this letter.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls 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

Amendment of Quota, Visa and ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) Requirements for Discharge Printed Fabric Produced or Manufactured in Indonesia

January 23, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending quota, visa and ELVIS requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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.

In exchange of notes dated December 10, 1997 and January 9, 1998, the Governments of the United States and Indonesia agreed that discharge printed fabric classified in Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035, 5209.51.6032 (Category 313), 5209.51.6015 (Category 314), 5208.52.4055 (Category 315), 5208.59.2085 (Category 317), 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015 (Category 326) which is produced or manufactured in Indonesia and imported on or after January 1, 1998 will no longer be subject to visa and ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) requirements and will not be subject to 1998 limits. The new

designation for Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 will be part-category 313-O, 314-O, 315-O, 317-O and 326-O, respectively. The 1998 quota levels established for Categories 313, 314, 315 and 317/617/326 remain the same for the newly established part-categories 313-O, 314-O, 315-O and 317-O/617/326-O.

Also effective on January 29, 1998, products in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 (except discharge printed fabric), produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported from Indonesia on or after January 1, 1998 must be accompanied by a 313-O, 314-O, 315-O, 317-O and 326-O part-category visa and ELVIS transmission. Products in Category 617 shall continue to require a 617 visa and ELVIS transmission.

Products currently visaed as 317/617/326 which are exported from Indonesia on or after January 1, 1998 must be accompanied by either a 317-O/617/326-O merged category visa and ELVIS transmission, or the correct category visa and ELVIS transmission (317-O, 326-O or 617) corresponding to the actual shipment. There will be a grace period from January 1, 1998 through February 14, 1998 during which products exported from Indonesia in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa and ELVIS transmission. During the grace period, products visaed in merged Categories 317/617/326 may be accompanied by a 317-O/617/326-O merged category visa and ELVIS transmission, a 317/617/326 merged whole category visa and ELVIS transmission or the correct category visa and ELVIS transmission (317, 326, 617, 317-O or 326-O) corresponding to the actual shipment. A visa and ELVIS transmission will not be required for discharge printed fabric in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 imported on or after January 1, 1998, regardless of the date of export.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the export quota, visa and ELVIS requirements.

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 52 FR 20134, published in May 29, 1987; 62 FR 37202, published on July

11, 1997; and 62 FR 67625, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 23, 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 Indonesia and exported during the twelve-month period which begins on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998.

Effective on January 29, 1998, discharge printed fabric classified in Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035, 5209.51.6032 (Category 313), 5209.51.6015 (Category 314), 5208.52.4055 (Category 315), 5208.59.2085 (Category 317), 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015 (Category 326) which is produced or manufactured in Indonesia and imported on or after January 1, 1998 will no longer be subject to visa and ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) requirements and will not be subject to 1998 limits, pursuant to exchange of notes dated December 10, 1997 and January 9, 1998. The new designation for Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 will be part-category 313-O¹, 314-O², 315-O³, 317-O⁴, 326-O⁵, respectively.

The 1998 quota levels established for Categories 313, 314, 315 and 317/617/326 remain the same for the newly established part-Categories 313-O, 314-O, 315-O and 317-O/617/326-O.

Also effective on January 29, 1998, you are directed to amend further the directive dated May 19, 1987 to require a part-category visa and ELVIS transmission for Categories 313-O, 314-O, 315-O, 317-O and 326-O, produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported on or after January 1, 1998. Products in Category 617 shall continue to require a 617 visa and ELVIS transmission. Products currently visaed as merged Categories 317/617/326 which are exported from Indonesia on or after January 1, 1998 must be accompanied by either a 317-O/617/326-O merged category visa and ELVIS transmission or the correct category visa and ELVIS transmission (317-O, 326-O or 617) corresponding to the actual shipment. There

will be a grace period from January 1, 1998 through February 14, 1998 during which products exported from Indonesia in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa and ELVIS transmission. During the grace period, products visaed in merged Categories 317/617/326 may be accompanied by a 317-O/617/326-O merged category visa and ELVIS transmission, a 317/617/326 merged whole category visa and ELVIS transmission, or the correct category visa and ELVIS transmission (317, 326, 617, 317-O or 326-O) corresponding to the actual shipment. A visa and ELVIS transmission will not be required for discharge printed fabric in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 imported on or after January 1, 1998, regardless of the date of export.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa and ELVIS transmission shall be denied entry and a new visa and ELVIS transmission must be obtained.

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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0006]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294)

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

ACTION: Notice of request for a revision to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0006).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts

(Standard Form 294). A request for public comments was published at 62 FR 17597, April 10, 1997. No comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* March 9, 1998.

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 (MVRs), 1800 F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006, Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294), in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moss, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4764.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

In accordance with the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.), contractors receiving a contract for more than \$10,000 agree to have small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns participate in the performance of the contract as far as practicable. Contractors receiving a contract or a modification to a contract expected to exceed \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) must submit a subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for small, small disadvantaged business concerns, and women-owned small businesses. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and implemented in FAR subpart 19.7.

In conjunction with these plans, contractors must submit semiannual reports of their progress on Standard Form 294, Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 4,253; responses per respondent, 3.44; total annual responses, 14,631; preparation hours per response, 29.25; and total response burden hours, 428,035. 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, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006 in all correspondence.

¹ Category 313-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

² Category 314-O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

³ Category 315-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

⁴ Category 317-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

⁵ Category 326-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.