

transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

(4) *Anti-Lobbying Disclosure.* Any applicant institution that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

(5) *Lower-Tier Certifications.* Recipients shall require applicant/bidder institutions for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512, is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to TA. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to TA in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

False Statements

A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Waiver Authority

It is the general intent of TA not to waive any of the provisions set forth in this Notice. However, under extraordinary circumstances and when it is in the best interests of the federal government, TA, upon its own initiative or when requested, may waive the provisions in this Notice. Waivers may only be granted for requirements that are discretionary and not mandated by statute. Any request for a waiver must set forth the extraordinary circumstances for the request and be included in the application or sent to the address provided in the ADDRESSES section above. The final determination will be made by the Selecting Official, the Under Secretary for Technology. TA will not consider a request to waive the application deadline for an application until the application has been received. In the event that this authority is exercised, the Under Secretary will sign a memorandum for the file setting forth the justification for the waiver.

Indirect Costs

No Federal funds will be authorized for Indirect Costs (IDC); however, an applicant may provide for IDC under their portion of Cost Sharing.

Regardless of any approved indirect cost rate applicable to the award, the maximum dollar amount of allocable indirect costs for which the DoC will reimburse the Recipient shall be the lesser of:

(a) The Federal share of the total allocable indirect costs of the award based on the negotiated rate with the cognizant Federal Agency as established by audit or negotiation; or

(b) The line item amount for the Federal share of indirect costs contained in the approved budget of the award.

Freedom of Information Act

Because of the high level of public interest in projects supported by the EPSCoT, the program anticipates receiving requests for copies of successful applications. Applicants are hereby notified that the applications they submit are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Applicants may identify sensitive information and label it "confidential" to assist TA in making disclosure determinations.

Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products

Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest practicable extent, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This Notice involves collections of information subject to the paperwork Reduction act (PRA), which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040 and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection displays a current valid OMB control number.

Executive Order Statement

This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Gary R. Bachula,

Acting Under Secretary for Technology.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Increase of a Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

March 12, 1999.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a guaranteed access level.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. 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.

Upon a request from the Government of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current Guaranteed Access Level for Categories 338/638 to 3,150,000 dozen.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 63297, published on November 12, 1998.

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 12, 1999.

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 5, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic

and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on March 23, 1999, you are directed to increase the Guaranteed Access Level for Categories 338/638 to 3,150,000 dozen.

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).

Sincerely,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market in S&P Euro Index Futures and Options and S&P Euro Plus Index Futures and Options

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and options contract.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in the Euro Index Futures and Options and as a contract market in S&P Euro Plus Index Futures and Options contracts. 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 April 19, 1999.

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 S&P Euro Index and Euro Plus Index futures and option contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Michael Penick of the

Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC (202) 418-5279. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: mpenick@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the terms and conditions 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 terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation 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 terms and conditions, 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, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 12, 1999.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Membership of the Commission's Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Membership Change of Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Office of Personnel Management guidance under the Civil Services Reform Act of 1978, notice is hereby given that the following employees will serve as

members of the Commission's Performance Review Board.

Chairperson: Linda Ferren, Executive Director. Members: Susan G. Lee, Executive Assistant to the Chairperson; Daniel Waldman, General Counsel; John Mielke, Acting Director, Division of Economic Analysis; Geoffrey Aronow, Director, Division of Enforcement; I. Michael Greenberger, Director, Division of Trading and Markets.

DATES: This action will be effective on March 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Office of Human Resources, Three Lafayette Centre, Suite 4100, Washington, DC 20581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marsha E. Scialdo, Director, Office of Human Resources, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, Suite 4100, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action which changes the membership of the Board supersedes the previously published **Federal Register** Notice, July 1, 1998.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 15, 1999.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology announces the proposed extension 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