

and (2) the role of products of Chinese origin in that disruption." Beginning on the date that it receives such a request, China must restrict its shipments to the United States to a level no greater than 7.5 percent (6 percent for wool product categories) above the amount entered during the first 12 months of the most recent 14 months preceding the request. If exports from China exceed that amount, the United States may enforce the restriction.

The Committee has published procedures (the Procedures) it follows in considering requests for Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard actions (68 FR 27787, May 21, 2003; 68 FR 49440, August 18, 2003), including the information that must be included in such requests in order for the Committee to consider them.

On October 27, 2004, the Requestors asked the Committee to impose an Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard action on imports from China of combed cotton yarn (Category 301) on the ground that an anticipated increase in imports of combed cotton yarn after January 1, 2005, threatens to disrupt the U.S. market for combed cotton yarn. The request is available at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>. In light of the considerations set forth in the Procedures, the Committee has determined that the Requestors have provided the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request.

The Committee is soliciting public comments on the request, in particular with regard to whether there is a threat of disruption to the U.S. market for combed cotton yarn and, if so, the role of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn in that disruption. To this end, the Committee seeks relevant information addressing factors such as the following, which may be relevant in the particular circumstances of this case, involving a product under a quota that will be removed on January 1, 2005: (1) Whether imports of combed cotton yarn from China are entering, or are expected to enter, the United States at prices that are substantially below prices of the like or directly competitive U.S. product, and whether those imports are likely to have a significant depressing or suppressing effect on domestic prices of the like or directly competitive U.S. product or are likely to increase demand for further imports from China; (2) Whether exports of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn to the United States are likely to increase substantially and imminently (due to existing unused production capacity, to capacity that can easily be shifted from the production of other products to the

production of combed cotton yarn, or to an imminent and substantial increase in production capacity or investment in production capacity), taking into account the availability of other markets to absorb any additional exports; (3) Whether Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn that is presently sold in the Chinese market or in third-country markets will be diverted to the U.S. market in the imminent future (for example, due to more favorable pricing in the U.S. market or to existing or imminent import restraints into third country markets); (4) The level and the extent of any recent change in inventories of combed cotton yarn in China or in U.S. bonded warehouses; (5) Whether conditions of the domestic industry of the like or directly competitive product demonstrate that market disruption is likely (as may be evident from any anticipated factory closures or decline in investment in the production of combed cotton yarn, and whether actual or anticipated imports of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn are likely to affect the development and production efforts of the U.S. combed cotton yarn industry; and (6) Whether U.S. managers, retailers, purchasers, importers, or other market participants have recognized Chinese producers of combed cotton yarn as potential suppliers (for example, through pre-qualification procedures or framework agreements).

Comments may be submitted by any interested person. Comments must be received no later than December 23, 2004. Interested persons are invited to submit ten copies of such comments to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001A, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

The Committee will protect any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. To the extent that business confidential information is provided, two copies of a non-confidential version must also be provided in which business confidential information is summarized or, if necessary, deleted. Comments received, with the exception of information marked "business confidential", will be available for inspection between Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Trade Reference and Assistance Center Help Desk, Suite 800M, USA Trade Information Center, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, (202) 482–3433.

The Committee will make a determination within 60 calendar days

of the close of the comment period as to whether the United States will request consultations with China. If the Committee is unable to make a determination within 60 calendar days, it will cause to be published a notice in the **Federal Register**, including the date by which it will make a determination. If the Committee makes a negative determination, it will cause this determination and the reasons therefore to be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Committee makes an affirmative determination that imports of Chinese origin combed cotton yarn threaten to disrupt the U.S. market, the United States will request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding the disruption.

**James C. Leonard III,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Removal of Export Visa and ELVIS Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Socks in Category 432 and 632 Part Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

November 18, 2004.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection removing visa and ELVIS requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 24, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call (202) 344-2650. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

#### 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.

On October 29, 2004, as provided for under paragraph 242 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization

(Accession Agreement), the United States requested consultations with the Government of the People's Republic of China with respect to imports of Chinese origin socks in Category 332/432 and 632 part. Through a letter published on November 1, 2004, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commission, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to establish a twelve-month limit on these products, beginning on October 29, 2004, and extending through October 28, 2005 (69 FR 63371). At the same time, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commissioner to require that shipments of these products be accompanied by an export visa and Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) transmission issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China; this requirement did not apply to shipments exported prior to November 28, 2004. The Government of the People's Republic of China has objected to the requirement that shipments of products in Category 432 and 632 Part be accompanied by an export visa and ELVIS transmission. Therefore, effective on November 24, 2004, the United States is rescinding the visa and ELVIS requirements for products in these categories. However, the quota limit for Category 332/432 and 632 Part remains in effect. Goods in Category 332 shall remain subject to the Group II limit, and will continue to be subject to export visa and ELVIS requirements. CITA will revisit this issue if the situation warrants.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Category with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004). Also see 68 FR 65445, published on November 20, 2003.

**James C. Leonard III**,  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 18, 2004.

Commissioner,  
*Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,*  
*Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 28, 2004. Those directives concern the establishment of quota and visa requirements for certain cotton, wool, and man-made fiber socks in Category 332/432 and 632 Part, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the period beginning on October 29, 2004, and extending through October 28, 2005.

Effective on November 24, 2004, you are directed to remove the visa and ELVIS requirements for textile products in Category 432 and 632 part. However, the quota limit for Category 332/432 and 632 Part remains in effect. Goods in Category 332 shall remain subject to the Group II limit, and will continue to be subject to export visa and ELVIS requirements.

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,  
**James C. Leonard III**,  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services; (DACOWITS)**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss the 2004 DACOWITS Report. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed below no later than 5 p.m., December 2, 2004. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Thursday, December 9, 2004, from 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed below with one (1) copy of the presentation by 5 p.m., December 2, 2004 and bring 35 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement must submit 35 copies of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by 5 p.m. on December 2, 2004.

**DATES:** 9 December 2004, 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m., 10 December 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Crystal City—National Airport, 1300 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MSgt Gerald T. Posey, USAF, DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 2C548A, Washington, DC 20301–4000. Telephone (703) 697–2122. Fax (703) 614–6233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting agenda.

**Thursday December 9, 2004 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.**

2004 Committee Report, 4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. (Public Forum).

**Friday December 10, 2004 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.**

2004 Committee Report, 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Committee Presents Findings and Recommendations of the 2004 DACOWITS Report to Dr. David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and Mr. Charles Abell, Principle Deputy for Personnel and Readiness.

**Note:** Exact order may vary.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard**,  
*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,*  
*Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395–6974.