

and the cover letter. The USPTO estimates that 3 oversized CD submissions will be received per year, for a total postage cost of \$3 per year. The total postage cost for this collection is \$8,001,156 per year.

There are recordkeeping costs associated with the oversized CD submissions and the electronic filing of new utility and provisional applications. The USPTO advises applicants who submit oversized new utility and provisional application requests on CD to retain a back-up copy of the CD and a printed copy of the application transmittal form for their records. The USPTO estimates that it will take an additional 5 minutes for the applicant to produce this back-up CD copy and 2 minutes to print the copy of the application transmittal form, for a total of 7 minutes (0.12 hours) for each oversized submission. The USPTO estimates that approximately 3 electronic submissions per year will be

oversized, for a total of 0.36 hours per year for retaining the back-up CD and printed application transmittal form. The USPTO believes that these back-up copies will be prepared by paraprofessionals with an estimated hourly rate of \$30 per hour, for a total recordkeeping cost of \$11 per year.

In addition, the USPTO also strongly advises applicants who file their new utility and provisional applications electronically to retain a copy of the file submitted to the USPTO as evidence of authenticity, in addition to keeping the acknowledgment receipt as clear evidence that on the date noted the file was received by the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it will take 5 seconds (0.001 hours) to print and retain a copy of the new utility and provisional submissions and that approximately 4,138 (3,498 new utility and 640 provisional applications) submissions per year will use this option, for a total of 4 hours per year.

Using the paraprofessional rate of \$30 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the recordkeeping cost for retaining this copy will be \$120 per year. The total recordkeeping cost for this collection is \$131 per year.

There is also annual nonhour cost burden in the way of filing fees associated with this collection. The basic filing fees for the utility, plant, design, and provisional applications are determined by which filing status (other than small entity or small entity) the applicant has selected. The filing fees for the electronically-filed new utility and provisional applications are the same as those for the paper applications. The small entity status does not apply to the petition to accept a delayed priority claim. There are no filing fees associated with the oversized CD submissions.

The total estimated filing costs for this collection of \$254,214,490 are calculated in the accompanying chart.

Item	Responses (yr) (a)	Filing fees (b)	Total annual cost (yr) (a) × (b)
Utility Application (including Reissues and all Continuing Applications)—Other Entity	273,137	\$740.00	\$202,121,380.00
Utility Applications (including Reissues and all Continuing Applications)—Small Entity	68,285	370.00	25,265,450.00
Plant Applications (including Reissues and all Continuing Applications)—Other Entity	768	740.00	568,320.00
Plant Applications (including Reissues and Continuing Applications)—Small Entity	192	370.00	71,040
Design Applications (including Reissues and all Continuing Applications)—Other Entity	15,654	740.00	11,583,960.00
Design Applications (including Reissues and all Continuing Applications)—Small Entity	3,914	370.00	1,448,180.00
Provisional Applications—Other Entity	72,343	160.00	11,574,880.00
Provisional Applications—Small Entity	18,086	80.00	1,446,880.00
Petition To Accept Delayed Priority Claim	105	1,280.00	134,400.00
CD-ROM Submissions of Oversized New Utility and Provisional Applications That Cannot Be Submitted Electronically via EFS:	3	N/A	0.00
• Application Transmittal Form.			
• Cover Letter.			
Totals	452,487		254,214,490.00

The USPTO estimates that the total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection, in the form of capital start-up, operation, recordkeeping, and postage costs, and filing fees, is \$262,216,319 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, *e.g.*, the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 4, 2002.

Susan K. Brown,

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data
Architecture and Services, Data
Administration Division.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

December 6, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 11, 2002.

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 these limits, 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.gov>. 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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for special shift.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also see 66 FR 63033, published on December 4, 2001.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 6, 2002.

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 27, 2001, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on December 11, 2002, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
410	111,448 square meters.
435	19,123 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

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,
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 Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Turkey

December 5, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2003.

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 January 1, 2003, an export visa will not be required for products in merged Categories 352/652, produced or manufactured in Turkey and exported from Turkey on and after January 1, 2003. The visa requirement is being removed because the quota on this category expires on December 31, 2002, and the existing visa arrangement between the Governments of the United States and Turkey only requires export visas for quota categories.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also see 66 FR 63037, published on December 4, 2001 and 52 FR 6859, published on March 5, 1987.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 5, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive does not cancel, the directive issued to you on March 2, 1987, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns export visa requirements for certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Turkey for which the Government of Turkey has not issued an appropriate export visa.

Effective on January 1, 2003, you are directed to no longer require a visa for products in merged Categories 352/652 exported on and after January 1, 2003 because the quota on this category expires on December 31, 2002, and the existing visa arrangement between the Governments of the United States and Turkey only requires export visas for quota categories.

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,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 10, 2003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type