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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 September 5, 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
315	4,883,108 square meters.
435	18,001 dozen.
444	2,329 numbers.

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,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on the Elimination of the Paper Visa Requirement for Certain Textile Products Exported from Korea

August 28, 2002.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Flaaten, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1945, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Pursuant to a textile visa arrangement between the United States and the Republic of Korea, certain textiles and textile products exported from Korea must be accompanied by a visa issued by the Government of the Republic of Korea in order to be imported in the

United States. (See 56 FR 18574, published on April 23, 1991 and 61 FR 69082, published on December 31, 1996).

The Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) allows certain foreign governments to electronically transfer textile and textile product shipment information to the U.S. Customs Service and thereby issue a visa electronically. On December 31, 1996 (61 FR 69082), CITA announced that the Government of the Republic of Korea would begin implementation of a dual system, issuing both paper and electronic visas.

As a result of the successful use of the dual visa system, preparations are under way to move beyond the current dual system to the paperless ELVIS system with the Republic of Korea. Exempt goods, for example cottage industry handwoven and handloomed fabrics, handmade articles and garments of handwoven and handloomed fabrics, and traditional folklore handicraft products, would still require an exempt certification issued by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

CITA is soliciting public comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement for the Republic of Korea and utilization of the ELVIS system exclusively. Comments must be received on or before November 4, 2002. Comments may be mailed to James C. Leonard, III, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

The solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption of the rulemaking provision contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute a foreign affairs function of the United States.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Security Education Board Group of Advisors Meeting

AGENCY: National Defense University.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forth coming Meeting of the National Security Education Board Group of Advisors. The purpose of the meeting is to review

and make recommendations to the Board concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VIII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: September 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Academy for Educational Development, 1875 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Edmond J. Collier, Director for Programs, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn PO Box 20010, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: collere@ndu.edu

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Security Education Board Group of Advisors meeting is open to the public.

Dated: August 28, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

DATES: September 17, 2002 from 0800 a.m. to 1700 p.m. and September 18, 2002 from 0800 a.m. to 1430 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center, 350 Quaker Road, North Falmouth, MA 02556-2943.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Betty Banks, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2126.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Matters to be Considered

Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend,

appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

Dated: August 27, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

List of Approved "Ability-to-Benefit" Tests and Passing Scores

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice to remove the American College Testing Assessment test from the list of approved "ability-to-benefit" tests.

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice that the American College Testing (ACT) Assessment: (English and Math) test is being withdrawn, at the request of the test publisher, from the list of approved "ability-to-benefit" (ATB) tests. The ACT Assessment test consists of a test of English and a test of Math.

With this notice, the Secretary is amending the list of approved ATB tests and passing scores that were published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2002, under the authority of section 484(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) and the regulations the Secretary promulgated to implement that section in 34 CFR part 668, subpart J, by removing the ACT Assessment test and its passing scores. An institution will no longer be permitted to use this test to determine if a student who does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, is eligible to receive funds under any title IV, HEA program. The title IV, HEA programs include the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) programs.

Transition

Institutions are allowed to continue to make ATB eligibility determinations using the tests and passing scores that were listed in the April 19, 2002 **Federal Register**, including the American College Testing (ACT) Assessment: (English and Math) until January 2, 2003. After that date only the tests and passing scores included in this notice may be used.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorraine Kennedy, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., (830 Union Center Plaza), Washington, DC 20202-5345. Telephone: (202) 377-4050.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 25, 1996, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 55542-55543) that provided a list of eight "ability-to-benefit" tests. These tests were approved under section 484(d) of the HEA and the regulations that were promulgated to implement that section in 34 CFR part 668, subpart J. The notice also included approved passing scores for each of the approved tests.

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 27, 1998, (63 FR 57540-57541), we added the American College Testing (ACT) Assessment to the list of approved ability-to-benefit tests.

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 1999, (64 FR 24246-24247), we indicated that the nine approved ATB tests could be used for testing students with disabilities if the tests are given in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In a notice on January 12, 2001 (66 FR 2892-2893), we approved the Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA) test as an English as a Second Language (ESL) test under 34 CFR 668.153(a)(9) and (a)(4).

Additionally, in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2002, (67 FR 19430-19432), we extended the Secretary's approval of seven ATB tests for five years and at the request of the test publisher removed the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)—Forms 5 and 6, Level A as an approved ATB test.

List of Approved Tests and Passing Scores: For the convenience of all interested parties, we have listed the eight ATB tests and passing scores.

1. ASSET Program: Basic Skills Tests (Reading, Writing, and Numerical)—Forms B2, C2, D2 and E2.

Passing Scores: The approved passing scores on this test are as follows: Reading (35), Writing (35), and Numerical (33).

Publisher: The test publisher and the address, contact person, telephone, and fax number of the test publisher are: American College Testing (ACT), Placement Assessment Programs, 2201 North Dodge Street, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52243.

Contact: Dr. John D. Roth. Telephone: (319) 337-1030. Fax: (319) 337-1790.

2. Career Programs Assessment (CPAT) Basic Skills Subtests (Language Usage, Reading and Numerical)—Forms B and C.

Passing Scores: The approved passing scores on this test are as follows: Language Usage (42), Reading (43), and Numerical (41).

Publisher: The test publisher and the address, contact person, telephone, and fax number of the test publisher are: American College Testing (ACT), Placement Assessment Programs, 2201 North Dodge Street, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52243.

Contact: Dr. John D. Roth. Telephone: (319) 337-1030. Fax: (319) 337-1790.

3. COMPASS Subtests: Prealgebra/ Numerical Skills Placement, Reading Placement, and Writing Placement.

Passing Scores: The approved passing scores on this test are as follows: Prealgebra/Numerical (25), Reading (62), and Writing (32).

Publisher: The test publisher and the address, contact person, telephone, and fax number of the test publisher are: American College Testing (ACT), Placement Assessment Programs, 2201 North Dodge Street, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52243.

Contact: Dr. John D. Roth. Telephone: (319) 337-1030. Fax: (319) 337-1790.

4. Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA), Forms 1 and 2.

Passing Scores: The approved passing scores on this test are as follows: CELSA Form 1 (90) and CELSA Form 2 (90).

Publisher: The test publisher and the address, contact person, telephone, and fax number of the test publisher are: Association of Classroom Teacher Testers (ACTT), 1187 Coast Village Road, PMB 378, Montecito, California 93108-2794.

Contact: Pablo Buckelew. Telephone: (805) 569-0734. Fax: (805) 569-0004.

5. Computerized Placement Tests (CPTs)/Accuplacer (Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills, and Arithmetic).

Passing Scores: The approved passing scores on this test are as follows: Reading Comprehension (55), Sentence Skills (60), and Arithmetic (34).

Publisher: The test publisher and the address, contact person, telephone, and fax number of the test publisher are: The College Board, 45 Columbus Avenue, New York, New York 10023-6992.