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The National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academy of Sciences recently released a report describing the social and educational strategies, technology-based tools, and legal and regulatory approaches to protect children from inappropriate material on the Internet. See *Youth, Pornography, and the Internet*, Committee to Study Tools and Strategies for Protecting Kids from Pornography and Their Applicability to Other Inappropriate Internet Content, National Research Council (NRC Report) (May 2, 2002), available at http://bob.nap.edu/html/youth_internet/es.html.

Among other things, the NRC Report concludes that perhaps the most important social and educational strategy for ensuring safe online experiences for children is responsible adult involvement and supervision. *Id.* at ES-7, 209. This strategy includes families, schools, libraries, and other organizations developing acceptable use policies to provide explicit guidelines about how individuals will conduct themselves online that will serve as a framework within which children can become more responsible for making better choices. *Id.* at 218. The Report notes that acceptable use policies are most effective when developed jointly with schools and communities. *Id.* at 219. The Report suggests that acceptable use policies are not without problems, including how to avoid the "one size fits all" problem that may arise in trying to craft a policy that is appropriate for both young children as well as teenagers. *Id.* at 219-220. The NRC Report also discusses the ways that technology provides parents and other responsible adults with additional choices as to how best to protect children from inappropriate material on the Internet. *Id.* at ES-8, 255-304. The report notes, however, that filtering/blocking tools are all imperfect in that they may "overblock" otherwise appropriate material or "underblock" some inappropriate material. *Id.* at 259-266.

Specific Questions

In an effort to enhance NTIA's understanding of the present state of technology protection measures and Internet safety policies, NTIA solicits responses to the following questions. NTIA requests that interested parties submit written comments on any issue of fact, law, or policy that may provide information that is relevant to this evaluation. Commenters are invited to discuss any relevant issue, regardless of whether it is identified below. To the

extent possible, please provide copies of studies, surveys, research, or other empirical data referenced in responses.

Evaluation of Available Technology Protection Measures

Section 1703(a)(1) of the Act requires NTIA to evaluate whether or not currently available technology protection measures, including commercial Internet blocking and filtering software, adequately address the needs of educational institutions.

1. Discuss whether available technology protection measures adequately address the needs of educational institutions.
2. Is the use of particular technologies or procedures more prevalent than others?
3. What technology, procedure, or combination has had the most success within educational institutions?
4. Please explain how the technology protection products block or filter prohibited content (such as "yes" lists, (appropriate content); "no" lists, (prohibited content), human review, technology review based on phrase or image, or other method.) Explain whether these methods successfully block or filter prohibited online content and whether one method is more effective than another.
5. Are there obstacles to or difficulties in obtaining lists of blocked or filtered sites or the specific criteria used by technology companies to deny or permit access to certain web sites? Explain.
6. Do technology companies readily add or delete specific web sites from their blocked lists upon request? Please explain your answer.
7. Discuss any factors that were considered when deciding which technology tools to use (such as training, cost, technology maintenance and upgrades or other factors.)

Fostering the Development of Technology Measures

Section 1703(a)(2) directs NTIA to initiate a notice and comment proceeding to make recommendations on how to foster the development of technology measures that meet the needs of educational institutions.

1. Are current blocking and filtering methods effectively protecting children or limiting their access to prohibited Internet activity?
2. If technologies are available but are not used by educational institutions for other reasons, such as cost or training, please discuss.
3. What technology features would better meet the needs of educational institutions trying to block prohibited content?

4. Can currently available filtering or blocking technology adjust to accommodate all age groups from kindergarten through grade twelve? Are these tools easily disabled to accommodate bona fide and other lawful research? Are these tools easily dismantled?

Current Internet Safety Policies

Section 1703(a)(3) requires NTIA to evaluate the development and effectiveness of local Internet safety policies currently in operation that were established with community input.

1. Are Internet safety policies an effective method of filtering or blocking prohibited material consistent with the goals established by educational institutions and the community? If not, please discuss the areas in which the policies do not effectively meet the goals of the educational institutions and/or community.
2. Please discuss whether and how the current policies could better meet the needs of the institutions and the community. If possible, provide specific recommendations.
3. Are educational institutions using a single technology protection method or a combination of blocking and filtering technologies?
4. Describe any best practices or policies that have been effective in ensuring that minors are protected from exposure to prohibited content. Please share practices proven unsuccessful at protecting minors from exposure to prohibited content.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

May 22, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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.ustras.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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for carryforward used, carryover and swing.

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 67229, published on December 28, 2001.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 22, 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 December 20, 2001, 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 China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on May 30, 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	Twelve-month limit ¹
Group I	
200, 218, 219, 226, 237, 239pt. ² 300/301, 313-315, 317/326, 331pt. ³ , 333-336, 338/339, 340-342, 345, 347/348, 351, 352, 359-C ⁴ , 359-V ⁵ , 360-363, 410, 433-436, 438, 440, 442-444, 445/446, 447, 448, 611, 613-615, 617, 631pt. ⁶ , 633-636, 638/639, 640-643, 644, 645/646, 647, 648, 651, 652, 659-C ⁷ , 659-H ⁸ , 659-S ⁹ , 666pt. ¹⁰ , 845 and 846, as a group.	1,201,100,744 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
200	844,887 kilograms.
218	12,545,467 square meters.
219	2,819,060 square meters.
226	12,800,583 square meters.
237	2,383,936 dozen.
300/301	2,571,100 kilograms.
313	47,867,029 square meters.
314	57,648,979 square meters.
315	143,304,913 square meters.
317/326	24,971,671 square meters of which not more than 4,777,571 square meters shall be in Category 326.
331pt.	2,242,388 dozen pairs.
333	116,928 dozen.
334	366,160 dozen.
335	410,477 dozen.
336	196,283 dozen.
338/339	2,438,867 dozen of which not more than 1,837,510 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ¹¹ .
340	838,610 dozen of which not more than 426,897 dozen shall be in Category 340-Z ¹² .
341	736,245 dozen of which not more than 443,883 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ¹³ .
342	285,516 dozen.
345	134,753 dozen.
347/348	2,409,491 dozen.
351	644,834 dozen.
352	1,739,826 dozen.
359-C	721,363 kilograms.
359-V	1,017,725 kilograms.
360	9,249,493 numbers of which not more than 6,141,216 numbers shall be in Category 360-P ¹⁴ .
361	4,922,583 numbers.
362	8,029,234 numbers.
363	23,392,064 numbers.
410	1,104,672 square meters of which not more than 885,515 square meters shall be in Category 410-A ¹⁵ and not more than 885,515 square meters shall be in Category 410-B ¹⁶ .
433	22,681 dozen.
434	14,232 dozen.
435	26,138 dozen.
436	16,410 dozen.
438	28,717 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month limit ¹
440	41,025 dozen of which not more than 23,442 dozen shall be in Category 440-M ¹⁷ .
442	43,428 dozen.
443	139,063 numbers.
444	228,793 numbers.
445/446	303,448 dozen.
447	76,814 dozen.
448	23,844 dozen.
611	6,297,531 square meters.
613	8,911,001 square meters.
614	13,741,261 square meters.
615	29,151,701 square meters.
617	20,367,999 square meters.
631pt.	341,565 dozen pairs.
633	66,142 dozen.
634	698,943 dozen.
635	730,107 dozen.
636	599,513 dozen.
638/639	2,569,540 dozen.
640	1,447,136 dozen.
641	1,362,757 dozen.
642	386,695 dozen.
643	562,165 numbers.
644	3,799,352 numbers.
645/646	860,381 dozen.
647	1,736,889 dozen.
648	1,217,799 dozen.
651	868,116 dozen of which not more than 154,221 dozen shall be in Category 651-B ¹⁸ .
652	3,202,696 dozen.
659-C	472,582 kilograms.
659-H	3,281,032 kilograms.
659-S	725,383 kilograms.
666pt.	433,445 kilograms.
845	2,439,906 dozen.
846	198,043 dozen.
Group II	
332, 359-O ¹⁹ , 459pt. ²⁰ and 659-O ²¹ , as a group	44,086,866 square meters equivalent.
Group III	
201, 220, 224-V ²² , 224-O ²³ , 225, 227, 369-O ²⁴ , 400, 414, 469pt. ²⁵ , 603, 604-O ²⁶ , 618-620 and 624-629, as a group	50,623,803 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group III	
224-V	4,241,431 square meters.
225	7,317,278 square meters.
Group IV	
852	410,668 square meters equivalent.
Levels not in a Group	
369-S ²⁷	661,141 kilograms.
863-S ²⁸	9,421,818 numbers.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

² Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

³ Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1720, 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.5510, 6116.10.7510, 6116.92.6410, 6116.92.6420, 6116.92.6430, 6116.92.6440, 6116.92.7450, 6116.92.7460, 6116.92.7470, 6116.92.8800, 6116.92.9400 and 6116.99.9510.

⁴ Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010.

⁵ Category 359-V: only HTS numbers 6103.19.2030, 6103.19.9030, 6104.12.0040, 6104.19.8040, 6110.20.1022, 6110.20.1024, 6110.20.2030, 6110.20.2035, 6110.90.9044, 6110.90.9046, 6201.92.2010, 6202.92.2020, 6203.19.1030, 6203.19.9030, 6204.12.0040, 6204.19.8040, 6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070.

⁶ Category 631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730, 6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520, 6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.4800, 6116.99.5400 and 6116.99.9530.

⁷ Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

⁸ Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

⁹ Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹⁰ Category 666pt.: all HTS numbers except 5805.00.4010, 6301.10.0000, 6301.40.0010, 6301.40.0020, 6301.90.0010, 6302.53.0010, 6302.53.0020, 6302.53.0030, 6302.93.1000, 6302.93.2000, 6303.12.0000, 6303.19.0010, 6303.92.1000, 6303.92.2010, 6303.92.2020, 6303.99.0010, 6304.11.2000, 6304.19.1500, 6304.19.2000, 6304.91.0040, 6304.93.0000, 6304.99.6020, 6307.90.9984, 9404.90.8522 and 9404.90.9522.

¹¹ Category 338-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0012, 6109.10.0014, 6109.10.0018 and 6109.10.0023; Category 339-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0040, 6109.10.0045, 6109.10.0060 and 6109.10.0065.

¹² Category 340-Z: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060.

¹³ Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

¹⁴ Category 360-P: only HTS numbers 6302.21.3010, 6302.21.5010, 6302.21.7010, 6302.21.9010, 6302.31.3010, 6302.31.5010, 6302.31.7010 and 6302.31.9010.

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