

DATES: Requests must be received no later than May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: In order to receive full consideration for this event, send a 1–2 page summary of your company's business experience in Nigeria and/or your current concerns about doing business in Nigeria to Douglas Wallace, USDOC Nigeria Desk Officer, by mail to Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, or by fax at (202) 482–5198.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Douglas Wallace, USDOC Nigeria Desk Officer, Office of Africa, Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5149.

Notice of Business Event Opportunity

U.S. and Nigerian Government officials will hold the second round of the U.S.-Nigeria Joint Economic Partnership Commission (JEPC) in Abuja on June 12–14, 2000. The purpose of the JEPC is to open channels of discussion between high-ranking USG and GON officials on issues affecting the economic and commercial relationship between the two countries.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is organizing a Corporate Session on June 14 to focus on U.S. private sector concerns about the Nigerian business environment. The Corporate Session will give U.S. companies the opportunity to present to Nigerian decision makers the obstacles they face in doing business in Nigeria and suggest possible trade and regulatory changes which would help create a more attractive environment for U.S. trade and investment. The Corporate Session will also allow the Nigerian officials to announce specific opportunities related to priority sectors in Nigeria.

The following is an outline of the Corporate Session to date:

June 14, 2000

9:00–10:00 a.m.—Working Breakfast

The Corporate Session will begin with a one-hour working breakfast involving USG and GON officials and U.S. and Nigerian private sector representatives. The leader of the Nigerian side, Chief Economic Advisor to the President Philip Asiodu, will welcome the participants, summarize the Nigerian economic situation and business environment, and outline the GON's expected policy changes in the near term. Asiodu will then invite the USG leader, State Under Secretary Alan Larson, to summarize the developments and issues raised during the JEPC discussions for the private sector participants.

10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—Sector-Specific Meetings

Upon conclusion of the working breakfast, participants will separate into four sector-specific meetings: (1) agribusiness, (2) telecom, (3) transportation, and (4) energy/environmental technologies. Each subgroup will be co-led by a USG official who will introduce the GON leader and act as discussion moderator. After brief remarks from the Nigerian side, U.S. and Nigerian public and private sector participants will engage in an open, sector-specific dialogue.

12:30–2:00 p.m.—Lunch

The Corporate Session Luncheon will feature a keynote speech and further questions/answers.

Edward Casselle,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits and Increase of a Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Costa Rica

April 26, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2, 2000.

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, 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, variously, for swing, carryover and the recrediting of unused carryforward.

Upon the request of the Government of Costa Rica, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current Guaranteed Access Level for textile products in Category 447.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 50495, published on September 17, 1999.

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 26, 2000.

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 September 13, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Costa Rica and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on May 2, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
340/640	1,175,116 dozen.
342/642	409,129 dozen.
347/348	2,314,665 dozen.
443	237,553 numbers.
447	14,125 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

Also effective on you are directed to increase the Guaranteed Access Level for Category 447 to 14,000 dozen.

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,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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