

203(c) and (d) of the ATPA (19 U.S.C. 3202(c) and (d)), resulting in the enumeration of such country in U.S. note 1 to subchapter XXI of Chapter 98 of the HTSUS.

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Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on Commercial Availability Request under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

May 25, 2004.

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

ACTION: Request for Public Comments concerning a request for modification of the NAFTA rules of origin for sanitary articles made from tri-lobal rayon staple fiber.

SUMMARY: On May 18, 2004 the Chairman of CITA received a request from Procter & Gamble alleging that tri-lobal rayon staple fiber (38 mm, 3.3 decitex), classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 5504.10, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that CITA consider whether the NAFTA rule of origin for sanitary articles classified under HTSUS 5601.10.20 should be modified to allow the use of non-North American staple fiber of the type described above.

The President may proclaim a modification to the NAFTA rules of origin, inter alia, only after reaching an agreement with the other NAFTA countries on the modification. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether tri-lobal rayon staple fiber of the type described above can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by June 28, 2004 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin J. Walsh, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-2818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 USC 1854); Section 202(q) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 USC 3332(q)); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

BACKGROUND:

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), NAFTA countries are required to eliminate customs duties on textile and apparel goods that qualify as originating goods under the NAFTA rules of origin, which are set out in Annex 401 to the NAFTA. The NAFTA provides that the rules of origin for textile and apparel products may be amended through a subsequent agreement by the NAFTA countries. In consultations regarding such a change, the NAFTA countries are to consider issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the free trade area and whether domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the good in a timely manner. The Statement of Administrative Action (SAA) that accompanied the NAFTA Implementation Act stated that any interested person may submit to CITA a request for a modification to a particular rule of origin based on a change in the availability in North America of a particular fiber, yarn or fabric and that the requesting party would bear the burden of demonstrating that a change is warranted. The SAA provides that CITA may make a recommendation to the President regarding a change to a rule of origin for a textile or apparel good. The NAFTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the NAFTA rules of origin as are necessary to implement an agreement with one or more NAFTA country on such a modification.

On May 18, 2004 the Chairman of CITA received a request from Procter & Gamble alleging that tri-lobal rayon staple fiber (38mm, 3.3 decitex), classified under the HTSUS subheading 5504.10, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that CITA consider whether the NAFTA rule of origin for sanitary articles classified under HTSUS 5601.10.20 should be modified to allow the use of non-North American staple fiber of the type described above.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether the rayon staple fiber described above, classified in HTSUS sub-heading 5504.10, can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial

quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be received no later than June 28, 2004. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that tri-lobal rayon staple fiber can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, CITA will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the staple fiber stating that it produces the staple fiber that is in the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 28, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Automated Repatriation Tracking System; DD Form 2585; OMB Number 0704-0334.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 5,000.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,667.

Needs and Uses: Executive Order 12656 establishes the responsibilities for the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense to take care of any American citizen and family member that are evacuated from any country and ensure their personal needs are met. This information collection provides evacuation information necessary to account for any military and civilian regardless of nationality, who are processed through designated Repatriation Centers throughout the United States. The DD Form 2585, Repatriation Processing Center Processing Sheet, is used to collect the necessary data which is entered into the Repatriation Automated Tracking System; a series of reports that is accessible to the Department of Defense, Federal and State agencies, and the Red Cross, as required.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD Information Management Division, 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202-4326.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the

following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 28, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Statement of Claimant Requesting Recertified Check; DD Form 2660; OMB Number 0730-0002.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 114,308.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 114,308.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 9,526.

Needs and Uses: The DD Form 2660, Statement of Claimant Requesting Recertified Check, is used to ascertain pertinent information needed by the Department of Defense to reissue checks to payees. In accordance with TFM Volume 1, Part 4, Section 7060.20 and DoD 7000.14-R, Volume 5, there is a requirement that a payee identify themselves and certify as to what happened to the original check issued by the government, such as non-receipt, loss, destruction, theft, etc. This collection will be used to identify rightful reissuance of government checks outside the Department of Defense.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD/ Information Management Division, 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202-4326.

Dated: May 25, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed new public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to Michael Hartzell, Lt. Col., USAF, BSC, Health Program Analysis and Evaluation/TMA, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, Virginia, 22041-3206.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Viability of TRICARE Standard.

Needs and Uses: As mandated by Congress, confidential surveys of civilian physicians will be completed in TRICARE market areas within the United States to determine how many accept new TRICARE Standard patients in each market area. 20 TRICARE market areas in the United States will be conducted each fiscal year until all TRICARE market areas in the United States have been surveyed.

Affected Public: Individuals—Licensed MDs (Medical Doctors) and DOs (Doctor of Osteopathy).

Annual Burden Hours: 5,333.

Number of Respondents: 3,200.

Responses Per Respondent: 1 per person.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes per survey.

Frequency: Once.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: