

laws that require written notice to consumers for cancellation of telephone, water, gas, or electric utility services.

3. Discuss state and municipal utility regulations, laws, or ordinances that allow utilities to send electronic notices to consumers for cancellation or termination of telephone, water, gas or electric utility services.

4. How would the removal of the utility cancellation notices exception to ESIGN affect consumers? How would the removal of the exception affect the provision of notice by utility companies to their customers? Please discuss.

5. What effect would the removal of the exception have on the current municipal, state, and federal policies concerning notice of utility service cancellations?

6. If the ESIGN Act is amended to eliminate the utility cancellation notice exception, what other changes, if any, are required to maintain consumer protection laws? What changes would be necessary, if any, to maintain current state and Federal policies concerning the content and timing of utility cancellation notices?

7. What are the benefits for utility customers, and utility companies that may result from electronic notice of cancellation of utility services? For example, would electronic notice provide customers with additional time to correct conditions or circumstances that led to the cancellation?

8. List any unique issues surrounding the delivery, timing, authentication, privacy, of utility cancellation notices that can and should be resolved prior to removal of the exception from the Act.

9. State whether municipalities, states, or utility companies have developed electronic notification procedures for the transmission of utility service information.

10. Discuss current electronic methods that are used to provide information to consumers regarding utility services (e.g., conditions of service or rate information). In these instances, discuss the consumer protection mechanisms that are employed by utility companies to transmit service or rate information to customers. Also discuss the following:

- a. receipt verification procedures;
- b. updated regulations that reflect electronic signature technologies; and
- c. regulations that require the retention of paper copies of the notice.

Please provide copies of studies, reports, opinions, research or other empirical data referenced in the responses.

Dated: January 23, 2003.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of Import Limits for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Belarus

January 21, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the commissioner of customs establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 2003.

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 Web site 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 Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding dated January 10, 2003 between the Governments of the United States and Belarus establishes limits for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. This notice cancels and supercedes the notice published on December 30, 2002 (67 FR 79571).

These limits may be revised if Belarus becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Belarus.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limits.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003).

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 21, 2003.

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

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; this directive cancels and supercedes the directive issued to you on December 23, 2002. You are directed to prohibit, effective on January 28, 2003, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Belarus and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2003 and extending through December 31, 2003:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
622	9,100,000 square meters of which not more than 1,500,000 square meters shall be in Category 622-L ¹ .
435	66,000 dozen.
448	34,000 dozen.

¹Category 622-L: only HTS numbers 7019.51.9010, 7019.52.4010, 7019.52.9010, 7019.59.4010, and 7019.59.9010.

Products in Categories 622 and 622-L exported during 2002 shall be charged to the applicable category limit and sublimit for that year (see directive dated October 19, 2001) to the extent of any unfilled balance. In the event the limit and sublimit established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limit and sublimit set forth in this directive.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and Belarus.

This limits may be revised if Belarus becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Belarus.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of 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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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

eGrants Orientation Conference Calls for Organizations Interested in Applying for an AmeriCorps*National Program Grant

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of eGrants Orientation Conference Calls for AmeriCorps*National new applicants.

SUMMARY: The Corporation is offering eGrants Orientation Conference Calls for organizations interested in applying for an AmeriCorps*National program grant. These training telcons will provide an orientation on the basic functions and operations of the eGrants system. We will familiarize organizations with the technical steps of preparing and submitting an application using the eGrants system. For more information on the eGrants system, see: <http://www.nationalservice.org/egrants/index.html>.

Audience: Nonprofit organizations applying for an AmeriCorps*National program grant using the eGrants system.

Dates and Times of Calls: The calls will take place on:

February 3rd, 1 pm–3 pm est;

February 7th, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm est;

February 19th, 1 pm–3 pm est;

February 20th, 2 pm–4 pm est.

All calls will cover the same content. Please note that there is a limit of 8 participant slots per call. Each organization may sign-up for one slot.

Process and Deadline for Registering for a call: Select one of the call dates specified above, then contact Sueko Kumagai via e-mail (skumagai@cns.gov) or phone (202-606-5000 ext. 418) with your selected date. You must respond no later than five days prior to your selected call to reserve a slot on one of the calls.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact one of the following: Sueko Kumagai at 202-606-5000 ext. 418; or Lois Nembhard at 202-606-5000 ext. 299.

Dated: January 22, 2003.

John Foster-Bey,

Director, AmeriCorps*State/National.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report

AGENCIES: Department of the Air Force, Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Hawthorne, and the City of El Segundo.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Los Angeles Air Force Base land conveyance, construction and development.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Air Force, lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the City of El Segundo, California, lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), announce their intent to prepare a joint draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed land conveyance, construction, development and consolidation of the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB).

The Air Force will have primary responsibility to ensure that the joint EIS/EIR complies with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations that implement the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and the Air Force procedures for implementing NEPA, Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7061, Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP), as promulgated at 32 Code of Federal Regulations part 989.

The City of Hawthorne, California will be a cooperating agency for the joint EIS/EIR, having responsibility for any applications concerning Federal-funding programs administered by HUD, assume responsibility for environmental review, decision-making and actions that would otherwise apply to HUD under NEPA in accordance with 24 CFR part 58. The City of El Segundo shall serve as the agency point of contact for receipt of all comments pertaining to the EIS/EIR and will have primary responsibility for EIS/EIR compliance with CEQA, in accordance with the California Public Resources Code (PRC 21000 *et seq.*) and the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR 15000 *et seq.*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Air Force: Mr. Jason Taylor, Environmental

Specialist, 61 ABG/CEZV, 2420 Vela Way, Suite 1467, Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, CA, 90245-4659; fax (310) 363-1595.

City of El Segundo: Mr. Paul Garry, Senior Planner, City of El Segundo, Department of Community, Economic, and Development Services, 350 Main Street., El Segundo, California, 90245 (310) 524-2342.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2861 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, as amended by section 2841 of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, authorizes the conveyance of parcels of real property at Los Angeles Air Force Base in exchange for the design and construction of facilities meeting seismic and safety design standards for Los Angeles, California, to consolidate mission and support functions at the base. A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared in September 2002 in accordance with the NEPA and the CEQ regulations implementing NEPA to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the land conveyance and seismic upgrade. As a result of public comments in received on the EA in October 2002, the Air Force has entered into an agreement with the Cities of El Segundo and Hawthorne, California to revise the proposed action and to prepare a joint EIS/EIR on the project.

The proposed action would include, among other components, the construction of 560,000 square feet of administrative and special use facilities for the Air Force on Area B (located within the City of El Segundo); non-Air Force development of 975 condominium residential units on Area A (City of El Segundo annex to City of Hawthorne pending), and non-Air Force development of 333 condominium residential units on the Lawndale Annex (City of Hawthorne). No changes would occur to the Sun Valley property located in the City of Los Angeles.

Alternatives include a reduced density alternative at the conveyed, redeveloped properties; a retail-commercial alternative at the conveyed, redeveloped properties; a renovation alternative, using traditional Military Construction (MILCON) funding to implement the land conveyance and development project; and the no-action alternative, under which the Air Force will continue to operate current facilities with limited MILCON and facility alteration/repair projects.

A scoping meeting will be held to identify significant issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. To ensure that