

and Information Systems. After the comment period closes, NIST will analyze the comments, make appropriate changes to the document, and then propose the draft standard to the Secretary of Commerce for approval as FIPS PUB 199.

DATES: Comments on the Draft FIPS on Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems must be received on or before August 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the Draft FIPS on Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems may be sent by regular mail to: Information Technology Laboratory, ATTN: Draft FIPS 199, Mail Stop 8930, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930. Electronic comments should be sent to: fips.comments@nist.gov.

Comments received in response to this notice will be published electronically at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/>.

Specifications: Specifications for the Draft FIPS on Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems are available through the Computer Security Resource Center: <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ron S. Ross (301) 975-5390, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Attn: Computer Security Division 100 Bureau Drive (Mail Stop 8930), Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, Email: rross@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and sections 302-3 of the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347), the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to approve standards and guidelines for Federal information systems and to make standards compulsory and binding for Federal agencies as necessary to improve the efficiency or security of Federal information systems. The National Institute of Standards and Technology is authorized to develop standards, guidelines, and associated methods and techniques for information systems, other than national security systems, to provide for adequate information security for agency operations and assets.

The Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) requires each Federal agency to develop, document, and implement an agency-wide information security program that will

provide information security for the information and information systems supporting the operations and assets of the agency, including those provided or managed by another agency, contractor, or other source.

To enable agencies to carry out this responsibility, the FISMA specifically tasked NIST to develop a standard to categorize information and information systems. In addition, NIST was tasked to develop guidelines recommending the types of information to be included in each category, and to develop minimum information security requirements (*i.e.*, management, operational, and technical security controls) for the information and information systems in each category.

In response to the mandate, NIST developed FIPS 199. Draft FIPS 199 defines requirements to be used by Federal agencies to categorize information and information systems, and to provide appropriate levels of information security according to a range of risk levels. This draft standard establishes three potential levels of risk (low, moderate, and high) for each of the security objectives of confidentiality, integrity, and availability. The levels of risk are based on what is known about the potential impact or harm. Harmful events can impact agency operations (including mission, functions, image or reputation), agency assets, or individuals (including privacy). The levels of risk consider both impact and threat, but are more heavily weighted toward impact. Federal information systems, which are often interconnected and interdependent, are vulnerable to a variety of threats (both malicious and unintentional) that could compromise the security of information and information systems.

This standard for categorizing information and information systems supports the implementation of a common framework that will promote the effective government-wide management and oversight of Federal agency information security programs. The common framework will facilitate the coordination of information security efforts throughout the civilian, national, security, and law enforcement communities, and will enable consistent reporting by agencies to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress on the adequacy and effectiveness of information security policies, procedures, and practices.

NIST is in the process of developing guidance documents for the second and third tasks mandated by the FISMA and will make these documents available for public comment when they are finalized. For the second assigned task,

NIST plans guidelines to help agencies identify, in a consistent manner, the types of information and information systems, (*e.g.*, privacy, medical, proprietary, financial, contractor sensitive, mission critical) appropriate for each category of information and information system. For the third task, NIST plans to develop standards that will describe the minimum sets of security controls for each defined category of information and information system.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130.

Executive Order 12866: This notice has been determined to be not significant under Executive Order 12866.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director, NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Wednesday, June 4, 2003. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to Review the 2003 Baldrige Award Cycle; Discussion of Senior Examiner Training for Site Visits and Final Judging Interaction; Judges' Survey of Applicants; and Judging Process Improvement for Final Judges' Meeting Preparation. The applications under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information

submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 4, 2003, at 11 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on June 4, 2003. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 222, Red Training Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 3, 2002, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of title 5, United States Code, because the meetings are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on June 5, 2003. The Board of Overseers is composed of 11 members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled

to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology with the members of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Discussions on Preparing for a Baldrige Non-Profit Category, Should We Guarantee Stage 2 Review to State Award Recipients?, Baldrige Program Metrics; Booz Allen CEO Study Status and Directions, and BNQP Hosin for 2004, a Program Update and Issues from June 4 Judges' Meeting. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Virginia Davis no later than Monday, June 2, 2003, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Davis' email address is virginia.davis@nist.gov and her phone number is 301/975-2361.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 5, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on June 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room B, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

May 12, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection establishing limits

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 16, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website 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.

Consultations on textiles were held with the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam February 20-21 and April 9-18, 2003. On April 25, 2003, representatives of the United States and Vietnam initialed a bilateral textile agreement; this agreement will enter into force upon translation and signature. Pending translation and signature, and in order to carry out the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, the attached directive to the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection imposes limits consistent with those provided for in the initialed bilateral textile agreement. These limits apply to goods exported on or after May 1, 2003.

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

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

May 12, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); and Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on May 16, 2003, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool