

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****President's Export Council;
Subcommittee on Encryption; Notice
of Partially Closed Meeting**

The President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption (PECSENC) will meet on May 16, 2000, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4832, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting will begin in open session at 9:30 a.m. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to policies regarding commercial encryption products.

Open Session: 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Bureau of Export Administration initiatives.
4. Issue briefings.
5. Open discussion.

Closed Session: 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

6. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the open session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the PECSENC. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to PECSENC members, the PECSENC suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20230.

A Notice of Determination to close meetings, or portions of meetings, of the Subcommittee to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 522(c)(1) was approved October 25, 1999, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: April 25, 2000.

Iain S. Baird,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****North American Free-Trade
Agreement, Article 1904; NAFTA Panel
Reviews; Request for Panel Review**

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On April 10, 2000, Cemex, S.A. de C.V. ("CEMEX") filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. A second request was filed by Cementos de Chihuahua S.A. de C.V. ("CDC") on April 11, 2000. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping duty administrative review determination made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Gray Portland Cement and Clinker from Mexico. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 13943) on March 15, 2000. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-MEX-00-1904-03 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established

Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews ("Rules").

These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on April 10, 2000, requesting panel review of the final antidumping duty administrative review described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is May 10, 2000);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is May 25, 2000); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: April 12, 2000.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Corporate Session With Nigerian
Officials: Event Announcement**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Nigeria business event opportunity.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in a corporate session with Nigerian Government officials as part of the U.S.-Nigeria Joint Economic Partnership Commission on June 14, 2000 in Abuja, Nigeria. The corporate session is composed of a working breakfast, sector-specific meetings, and a keynote luncheon.

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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