

revoke pursuant to this notice, the Department will not revoke the order.

Countervailing duty orders	
Brazil: Pig Iron (C-351-062)	04/04/80 45 FR 23045
Norway: Atlantic Salmon (C-403-802).	04/12/91 56 FR 14921
Peru: Pompon Chrysanthemums (C-333-601).	04/23/87 52 FR 13491

Opportunity to Object

Not later than the last day of April 1997, domestic interested parties may object to the Department's intent to revoke these countervailing duty orders. Any submission objecting to a revocation must contain the name and case number of the order and a statement that explains how the objecting party qualifies as a domestic interested party under § 355.2(i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), or (i)(6) of the Department's regulations.

Seven copies of any such objections should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 355.25 (d)(4)(i).

Dated: March 25, 1997.

Jeffrey P. Bialos,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental

Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Roger Kilmer, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Building 301, Room C-121, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, 301-975-5020 phone, and 301-963-6556 fax, mepinfo@mep.nist.gov e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This submission under the Paperwork Reduction Act represents a request for extension of a currently approved collection by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (ME) is a nationwide system of services and support for smaller manufacturers giving them unprecedented access to new technologies, resources, and expertise. Sponsored by NIST, the MEP is comprised of a network of locally-based manufacturing extension centers working with small manufacturers to help them improve their manufacturing competitiveness.

Applicants must submit proposals which provide requested information specific to each particular solicitation. NIST evaluates these proposals according to published criteria to determine which applicants will receive awards.

II. Method of Collection

Applicant submission of proposals in response to solicitations published in the **Federal Register** and/or Commerce Business Daily. Information is provided in written form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0005.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Type of Review: Regular submission for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Eligible organizations that choose to respond to published solicitations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Time Per Response: 40 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimate of the total annual cost for this

survey is \$1,000,000 (10,000 x \$100 per hour). There are no capital costs for responding.

IV. Requests for Comments

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 (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 26, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Spring Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will hold its spring meeting with its Species Working Groups on April 22-24, 1997.

DATES: The open sessions of the Committee will be held on April 22, 1997, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; on April 23, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and on April 24, 1997, from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed meetings of the Species Working Groups will be held on April 23, 1997, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The closed session of the Advisory Committee will be held on April 24, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn located at 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Blankenbeker, (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to discuss (1) the 1996 ICCAT meeting accomplishments, (2) 1997 management and research activities regarding Atlantic highly migratory species, (3) trade and compliance issues, (4) the results of the Committee's species working groups meetings, (5) implementation of provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and (6) other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species. While the public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, there will be no opportunity for public comment. Sessions of the Advisory Committee's Species Working Groups will not be open to the public but the results of those discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee's open session in the afternoon of April 24. In addition, the Advisory Committee will meet in closed session the morning of April 24 to discuss internal operational matters. Accordingly, the determination has been made that the Committee shall go into executive session at that time. The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kim Blankenbeker at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 26, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Consolidation and Amendment of Export Visa Requirements to Include the Electronic Visa Information System for Certain Silk Apparel, Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

March 27, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs consolidating and amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997, the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China agreed to amend the existing visa arrangements for silk apparel and textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported on and after April 1, 1997. The amended arrangement consolidates existing provisions and new provisions for the Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS). In addition to the ELVIS requirements, shipments will continue to be accompanied by an original visa stamped on the front of the original commercial invoice issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the existing visa requirements for silk apparel and textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported on and after April 1, 1997.

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 62 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 59 FR 35324, published on July 11, 1994; and 60 FR 22567, published on May 8, 1995.

Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products that are entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner of Customs.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 27, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on July 5, 1994, as amended, and May 3, 1995, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, that directed you to prohibit entry of certain silk apparel, cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in China for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has not issued an appropriate export visa.

Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997, between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on April 1, 1997, entry into the Customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in Categories 200-239, 300-369, 400-469, 600-670 and 800-899, including part categories and merged categories; and silk apparel in Categories 733-736, 738-748, 750-752 and 758-759, produced or manufactured in China and exported on and after April 1, 1997 for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has not issued an appropriate export visa or Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) transmission fully described below. Should additional categories, part categories or merged categories be added to the bilateral agreement or become subject to import quota the entire category(s), part category(s) or merged category(s) shall be included in the coverage of this arrangement.

A visa must accompany each commercial shipment of the aforementioned textile products. A circular stamped marking in blue ink will appear on the front of the original textile export license/commercial invoice or successor document. The license will be printed on a colored guilloche patterned background. The original visa shall not be stamped on duplicate copies of the invoice.