

of the Department's regulations, may object to the Department's intent to revoke these antidumping duty orders and findings or to terminate the suspended investigations by the last day of February 1997. Any submission to the Department must contain the name and case number of the proceeding and a statement that explains how the objecting party qualifies as a domestic interested party under § 353.2(k)(3), (4), (5), and (6) of the Department's regulations.

Seven copies of such objections should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. You must also include the pertinent certification(s) in accordance with § 353.31(g) and § 353.31(i) of the Department's regulations. In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the objection be sent to Michael F. Panfeld in Room 4203. This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 353.25(d)(4)(i).

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Barbara R. Stafford,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD  
Enforcement.

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### United States-Egypt Presidents' Council; Membership

**ACTION:** Notice of membership opportunity.

**SUMMARY:** During his September, 1994 visit to Cairo, Vice President Gore, on behalf of President Clinton, and President Mubarak announced the U.S.-Egypt "Partnership for Growth and Development". This bilateral initiative included the establishment of the United States-Egypt Presidents' Council. The first meeting of the Council took place in April 1995. The purpose of the Council is to provide a forum through which American and Egyptian private sector representatives can provide advice and counsel to their respective governments that reflect their views, needs and concerns regarding private sector business development in Egypt and enhanced bilateral commercial ties. The Council exchanges information and encourages bilateral discussions that address the following areas:

- Factors that affect the growth of private sector business in Egypt, including disincentives to trade and investment and regulatory obstacles;
- Initiatives that the Government of Egypt might take to promote private sector business growth in Egypt;

- Identification and promotion of business opportunities in Egypt;
- Steps to facilitate and encourage the development of commercial expansion between the two countries.

The U.S. Section of the Council, chaired by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, consists of fifteen members, all drawn from the private sector. They represent the diversity of American business with emphasis on: banking and investment, agribusiness and food processing, tourism, pharmaceuticals, services, information technology, electronics and other high technology industries, and manufacturing industries. Council members serve two-year terms which can be renewed. The Commerce Department seeks nominations of outstanding individuals to serve on the Council.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for membership, a candidate should be:

- A U.S. citizen residing in the United States;
- The President or CEO (or comparable level of responsibility) of a private sector company (or, in the case of very large private sector companies, the head of a sizeable operating unit); or head of a non-profit organization that has a unique technical expertise and outstanding reputation; and
- Not a registered Foreign Agent.

In reviewing eligible candidates, the Commerce Department will consider such selection factors as:

- Experience and interest in the Egyptian market;
- Industry or service sector represented;
- Export/investment experience;
- Contribution to diversity based on industry sectors, company size, and location.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name or names and title(s) of the individual(s) requesting consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's product, service or technical expertise; size of the company; export trade, investment, or international program experience and major markets; and a brief statement of why the candidate(s) should be considered for membership on the Council.

**DATES:** In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than: February 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your requests for consideration to Tom Sams, Egypt Desk, Office of the Near East, either by fax on 202-482-0878 or by mail to Room H-2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Tom Sams, Office of the Near East, Room H-2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Cherie Loustaunau,  
Deputy Director, Office of the Near East.  
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### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

#### Establishment of a New Export Visa Arrangement for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Russia

January 28, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing export visa requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 1, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, 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 exchange of notes dated October 22, 1996 and December 31, 1996, the Governments of the United States and the Russian Federation agreed to establish a new Export Visa Arrangement for wool textile products in Category 435, produced or manufactured in Russia and exported from Russia on and after March 1, 1997.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to prohibit entry of certain textile products, produced or manufactured in Russia and exported from Russia on and after March 1, 1997 for which the Government of the Russian Federation has not issued an appropriate export visa.

A facsimile of the export visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3100.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996).

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.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 28, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); pursuant to the Export Visa Arrangement, effected by exchange of notes dated October 22, 1996 and December 31, 1996, between the Governments of the United States and the Russian Federation; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on March 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 wool textile products in Category 435, produced or manufactured in Russia and exported from Russia on and after March 1, 1997 for which the Government of the Russian Federation has not issued an appropriate export visa fully described below.

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 commercial invoice. The original visa shall not be stamped on duplicate copies of the invoice. The original invoice with the original visa stamp will be required to enter the shipment into the United States. Duplicates of the invoice and/or visa may not be used for this purpose.

Each visa stamp shall include the following information:

1. The visa number. The visa number shall be in the standard nine digit letter format, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (the code for Russia is "RU"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 7RU123456.

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month and year on which the visa was issued.

3. The original signature of the issuing official and the printed name of the issuing official of the Government of the Russian Federation.

4. The correct category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity in the shipment as set

forth in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, annotated or successor documents shall be reported in the spaces provided within the visa stamp (e.g., "Cat. 435-510 DZ").

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted.

U.S. Customs shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a visa, or if the visa number, date of issuance, signature, printed name of the signer, category, quantity or units of quantity are missing, incorrect or illegible, or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the visa is less than that of the shipment, entry shall not be permitted. Nevertheless, the shipment shall be allowed to enter a bonded warehouse and to be withdrawn for consumption into the Customs territory of the United States within the limits of the amount indicated on the visa. If the quantity indicated on the visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted and only the amount entered shall be counted as imports from the Russian Federation.

The complete name and address of a company actually involved in the manufacturing process of the textile product covered by the visa shall be provided on the front of the textile document.

If the visa is not acceptable then a new correct visa or a visa waiver must be presented to the U.S. Customs Service before any portion of the shipment will be released. A visa waiver may be issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the request of the competent authorities in Washington for the Government of the Russian Federation. The waiver, if used, only waives the requirement to present a visa with the shipment. It does not waive the quota requirement. Visa waivers will only be issued for classification purposes or for one time special purpose shipments that are not part of an ongoing commercial enterprise.

If the visaed invoice is deficient, the U.S. Customs Service will not return the original document after entry, but will provide a certified copy of that visaed invoice for use in obtaining a new correct original visaed invoice, or a visa waiver.

If import quotas are in force, U.S. Customs Service shall charge only the actual quantity in the shipment to the correct category limit. If a shipment from Russia has been allowed entry into the commerce of the United States with either an incorrect visa or no visa, and redelivery is requested but cannot be made, the shipment will be charged to the correct category limit whether or not a replacement visa or waiver is provided.

Merchandise imported for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, and properly marked or commercial sample shipments valued at U.S.\$250 or less, do not require an export visa for entry and shall not be charged to existing quota levels.

A facsimile of the visa stamp is enclosed.

The actions taken concerning the Government of the Russian Federation with respect to imports of textile products in the foregoing category have been determined by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to involve foreign affairs

functions of the United States. Therefore, these directions to the Commissioner of Customs, which are necessary for the implementation of such actions, fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1). This letter will be published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Applications of Futurecom as a Contract

### Market in Live Cattle Futures and Options

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

**SUMMARY:** Futurecom, an electronic commodities trading exchange, has applied for designation as a contract market in live cattle futures and option contracts, along with the terms and conditions for those contracts. Because Futurecom has not been approved previously by the Commission as a contract market in any commodity, Futurecom is also requesting approval of trading rules and rules of government that it has submitted to meet the requirements for a board of trading seeking designation as a contract market. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be