

to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to the file number in the caption above and should be submitted by July 24, 1996.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2868]

Indiana; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

St. Joseph County and the contiguous counties of Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, and Starke in the State of Indiana, and Berrien and Cass Counties in the State of Michigan constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by severe storms and flooding which occurred on June 9 and 10, 1996. Applications for loans for physical damage may be filed until the close of business on August 23, 1996 and for economic injury until the close of business on March 24, 1997 at the address listed below:

U.S. Small Business Administration,
Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore

Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308, or other locally announced locations.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage

Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere—7.625%.

Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere—3.875%.

Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere—8.000%.

Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere—4.000%.

Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere—7.125%.

For Economic Injury

Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere—4.000%.

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 286806 for Indiana and 286906 for Michigan.

For economic injury the numbers are 894900 for Indiana and 895000 for Michigan.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 24, 1996.

John T. Spotila,

Acting Administrator.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment to Earlier Directives to Reflect Cancellation of Staged Entry Periods for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Apparel Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

June 26, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending earlier directives with respect to textile products from China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 26, 1996.

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).

At the request of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), directives from CITA to the Commissioner of Customs, issued on May 15, 1996 (61 FR 24919) and June 12, 1996 (61 FR 30597) amended previous directives from CITA to the Commissioner of Customs, issued November 30, 1995 (60 FR 62413) and December 13, 1995 (60 FR 65292), to facilitate the establishment of staged entry periods for certain goods produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported from China for the 30-day periods beginning on May 15, 1996 through June 13, 1996 and June 14, 1996 through July 13, 1996.

Based on the measures that China has and will take in the future to implement key elements of the 1995 Agreement on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights and Market Access, USTR on June 21, 1996 requested the Commissioner of Customs to terminate the above-referenced staged entry periods in accordance with section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (see 61 FR 33147, published on June 26, 1996).

The action taken in the letter below will facilitate implementation of USTR's directive to the Commissioner of Customs dated June 21, 1996.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 26, 1996.

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 November 30, 1995 and December 13, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA). Those directives concern imports of certain silk apparel and certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported from China during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996.

The above directives are hereby amended to the extent necessary to facilitate implementation of the directive of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to the Commissioner of Customs dated June 21, 1996 regarding textile products from China, issued pursuant to section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. For your information, the above directives are amended to reflect that entry of certain textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China, shall no longer be subject to limitation for the 30-day

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1995).

periods beginning on May 15, 1996 through June 13, 1996 and June 14, 1996 through July 13, 1996.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 96-031]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act the Coast Guard announces seven Information Collection Requests (ICR) coming up for renewal. These ICRs include: 1. Application for Vessel Inspection and Waiver; 2. Bridge Permit Application Guide; 3. Letter of Intent; 4. Application for Tonnage Measurement of Vessels; 5. Oil and Hazardous Material Pollution Prevention and Safety Records, Equivalent/Alternatives and Exemptions; 6. Records Relating to Citizenship of Personnel on Units Engaged in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Activities; and 7. Ballast Water Management for Vessels Entering the Great Lakes. Before submitting the renewal packages to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Coast Guard is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 2nd St, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be hand delivered to the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-2326. The comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying by appointment at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written views, comments, data, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this Notice, the specific ICR to which each comment applies, and give reasons for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format no larger than 8½" by 11", suitable for copying and electronic filing. If that is not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons desiring acknowledgement that their comments have been received should enclose a stamped, self-addressed post card or envelope.

Interested persons can receive copies of the complete ICR by contacting Ms. Davis where indicated under

ADDRESSES.

Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Application for Vessel Inspection and Waiver.

OMB No. 2115-0007

Summary: The collection of information requires the owner, agent or master of a vessel to apply in writing to the Coast Guard before the commencement of the inspection for certification or when, in the interest of national defense, a waiver is desired from the requirements of navigation and vessel inspection.

Need: The reporting requirements of the Application for Inspection of U.S. Vessels and the Application for Waiver and Waiver Order are part of the Coast Guard's Marine Inspection Program authorized by 46 U.S.C. 3306 and 3309.

Respondents: Vessel owner, operator, agent, masters or interested U.S. Government agency.

Frequency: On occasion, biennially and triennially.

Burden: The estimated burden is 1,707 hours annually.

2. *Title:* Bridge Permit Application Guide.

OMB No. 2115-0050

Summary: The collection of information is a bridge permit request submitted as application for Coast Guard approval of proposed bridge projects. Applicants will submit to the Coast Guard a letter of application along with letter size drawings (plans) and maps showing the proposed bridge project and its location.

Need: Title 33 U.S.C. 401, 491, 525, and 535, authorize the Coast Guard to approve plans and locations for all

bridges or causeways that are to be constructed over navigable waters of the United States.

Respondents: Public and private owners of bridges over navigable waters of the United States.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 2,600 hours annually.

3. *Title:* Letter of Intent.

OMB No. 2115-007

Summary: The collection of information is a Letter of Intent which serves as a notice by a facility owner and operator to the Coast Guard that they intend to transfer oil or hazardous materials from their facility.

Need: Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Executive Order 12777, the Coast Guard has the authority to issue regulations to prevent the discharge of oil or hazardous materials from waterfront facilities.

Respondents: Owners and operators of waterfront facilities.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 460 hours annually.

4. *Title:* Application for Tonnage Measurement of Vessels.

OMB No. 2115-0086

Summary: The collection of information requires vessel owners to submit application for tonnage measurement to the Coast Guard or an organization delegated by the Coast Guard. Additional information may be required if an owner requests certain tonnage treatment.

Need: 46 U.S.C. 14104 requires that before a vessel is documented or recorded under laws of the United States, or where the application of law of the United States to a vessel is determined by its tonnage, the vessel must be measured for tonnage.

Respondent: Vessel owners.

Frequency: Once per vessel.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 44,000 hours annually

5. *Title:* Oil and Hazardous Material Pollution Prevention and Safety Records, Equivalent/Alternatives and Exemptions

OMB No. 2115-0096

Summary: The collection of information requires the inspection of discharge removal equipment on vessels and requires monitoring, reporting and recordkeeping regarding discharges of oil or hazardous materials by facilities and vessels. The regulated industry has the option of requesting, in writing, either equivalent or alternative procedures, methods or equipment standards in lieu of any requirement or