

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 970326070-7204-02]

Notice of Delayed Termination of Validation Services for Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; Delayed termination of validation services.

SUMMARY: The NIST Information Technology Laboratory (NIST) is terminating validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1 FORTRAN; FIPS 128-2, Computer Graphics Metafile, Air Transport Association Profile (CGM (ATA)); FIPS 160, C, and FIPS 151-2, POSIX.

NIST announced by Department Organization Order 30-2B the formation of the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL). Under the new ITL organization, NIST is refocusing its program for information technology, concentrating on the development of conformance tests for emerging information technologies rather than the operation of software testing services. NIST will assist private industry and government agencies in establishing testing programs for these standards by providing NIST conformance testing materials to interested parties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Validation services for FIPS 151-2, POSIX, will terminate on December 31, 1997. Validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1, FORTRAN; FIPS 128-2, CGM (ATA); and FIPS 160, C, will terminate on or before September 30, 1998. These validation services will terminate before September 30, 1998, if other private industry and/or government agency testing programs have been established.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS CONTACT: Ms. Lynne Rosenthal, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone (301) 975-3283, email 1sr@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NIST announced on April 8, 1997, (62 FR 16788-89) that it was considering the termination of the validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1, FORTRAN; FIPS 128-2 CGM (ATA); FIPS 151-2, POSIX; and FIPS 160, C. In response to comments on the April 8, 1997, announcement, NIST is delaying termination of these services to give private industry and/or government agencies more time to establish their own validation services. If private

industry and/or government agency testing programs are established before September 30, 1998, NIST may announce an earlier date for terminating services.

A Director of Conformance Testing Programs, Products, and Services is available on the World Wide Web (WWW) at the Universal Resource Locator (URL) <http://www.nist.gov/ctdirectory.html>. NIST test suites and testing procedures are distributed freely and are accessible from the Directory. Additional conformance testing information is available on the URL <http://www.itl.nist.gov/div897/ctg>.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, Pub. L. 104-106.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Thailand

October 6, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting import limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 1997.

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 or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, carryover and carryforward.

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). Also see 61 FR 58044, published on November 12, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 6, 1997.

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 November 4, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on October 14, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Level not in a group	
239	6,383,885 kilograms.
Levels in Group I	
200	1,173,838 kilograms.
218	19,718,381 square meters.
219	5,047,742 square meters.
300	4,853,176 kilograms.
301-P ²	4,853,176 kilograms.
301-O ³	970,636 kilograms.
313	22,648,154 square meters.
314	51,767,208 square meters.
315	32,354,504 square meters.
317/326	13,582,734 square meters.
363	22,259,429 numbers.
369-D ⁴	231,335 kilograms.
369-S ⁵	261,134 kilograms.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹	Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
604	770,625 kilograms of which not more than 437,223 kilograms shall be in Category 604-A ⁶ .	647/648	1,128,278 dozen.
607	3,179,632 kilograms.	¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.	
611	14,206,752 square meters.	² Category 301-P: only HTS numbers 5206.21.0000, 5206.22.0000, 5206.23.0000, 5206.24.0000, 5206.25.0000, 5206.41.0000, 5206.42.0000, 5206.43.0000, 5206.44.0000 and 5206.45.0000.	
613/614/615	48,897,839 square meters of which not more than 28,471,965 square meters shall be in Category 614 and not more than 28,471,965 square meters shall be in Categories 613/615.	³ Category 301-O: only HTS numbers 5205.21.0020, 5205.21.0090, 5205.22.0020, 5205.22.0090, 5205.23.0020, 5205.23.0090, 5205.24.0020, 5205.24.0090, 5205.26.0020, 5205.26.0090, 5205.27.0020, 5205.27.0090, 5205.28.0020, 5205.28.0090, 5205.41.0020, 5205.41.0090, 5205.42.0020, 5205.42.0090, 5205.43.0020, 5205.43.0090, 5205.44.0020, 5205.44.0090, 5205.46.0020, 5205.46.0090, 5205.47.0020, 5205.47.0090, 5205.48.0020 and 5205.48.0090.	
617	17,657,553 square meters.	⁴ Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.	
619	7,172,947 square meters.	⁵ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.	
625/626/627/628/629	14,261,869 square meters of which not more than 11,324,076 square meters shall be in Category 625.	⁶ Category 604-A: only HTS number 5509.32.0000.	
669-P ⁷	6,823,828 kilograms.	⁷ Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.	
Group II		⁸ Category 359-H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060; Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.	
237, 330-359, 431-459, 630-659 and 831-859, as a group.	299,340,179 square meters equivalent.	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).	
331/631	1,765,931 dozen pairs.	Sincerely,	
334/634	646,569 dozen.	Troy H. Cribb,	
335/635/835	533,121 dozen.	<i>Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.</i>	
336/636	342,208 dozen.	[FR Doc. 97-27011 Filed 10-9-97; 8:45 am]	
338/339	2,001,511 dozen.	BILLING CODE 3510-DR-F	
340	309,554 dozen.		
341/641	687,533 dozen.		
342/642	617,245 dozen.		
345	326,752 dozen.		
347/348/847	857,173 dozen.		
351/651	247,031 dozen.		
359-H/659-H ⁸	1,419,417 kilograms.		
433	10,549 dozen.		
434	13,023 dozen.		
435	58,107 dozen.		
438	20,414 dozen.		
442	21,472 dozen.		
638/639	2,293,845 dozen.		
640	533,849 dozen.		
645/646	323,545 dozen.		

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew information collection #3038-0016: Compliance with Requirements for Designation as a Contract Market.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is planning to renew information collection 3038-0016, Compliance with Requirements for Designation as a Contract Market, which is due to expire on February 28, 1998. The information collected pursuant to this rule provides a basis for determining that the terms and conditions of a futures contract reflect current commercial practices and that the contract serves an economic purpose. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission solicits comments to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should contact the CFTC Clearance Officer, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5160.

Title: Compliance with Requirements for Designation as a Contract Market.

Control Number: 3038-0016.

Action: Extension.

Respondents: Contract Markets.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500 hours.

Respondents	Regulation (17 CFR)	Estimated number of respondents	Annual responses	Est. avg. hours. per response
Contract Markets	1.50	1	1	250
	5.2	1	1	250