

issued to you on February 10, 1997, 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 and silk apparel, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on November 26, 1997, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels in Group I	
200	751,317 kilograms.
334	341,541 dozen.
359-C ²	622,579 kilograms.
438	28,228 dozen.
445/446	310,468 dozen.
611	5,576,939 square meters.
634	653,954 dozen.
641	1,404,487 dozen.
651	811,250 dozen of which not more than 138,858 dozen shall be in Category 651-B ³ .
Group IV	
832, 834, 838, 839, 843, 850-852, 858 and 859, as a group.	11,588,728 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

² Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010.

³ Category 651-B: only HTS numbers 6107.22.0015 and 6108.32.0015.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

November 20, 1997.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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: 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 Categories 434, 647, 670-L and 870 are being increased for carryforward. As a result, the limits for these categories, which are currently filled, will re-open.

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 62 FR 6950, published on February 14, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 20, 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 February 10, 1997, 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 and silk apparel, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-

month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on November 26, 1997, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels in Group I	
434	14,256 dozen.
647	1,663,051 dozen.
670-L ²	16,687,879 kilograms.
Level not in a group	
870	33,923,079 kilograms.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

² Category 670-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0135]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Subcontractor Payments

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0135).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Subcontractor Payments. The clearance currently expires on March 31, 1998.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before January 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack O'Neill, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3856.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0135, Subcontractor Payments, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Part 28 of the FAR contains guidance related to obtaining financial protection against damages under Government contracts (e.g., use of bonds, bid guarantees, insurance etc.). Part 52 contains the texts of solicitation provisions and contract clauses. These regulations implement a statutory requirement for information to be provided by Federal contractors relating to payment bonds furnished under construction contracts which are subject to the Miller Act (40 USC 270a-270d). This collection requirement is mandated by Section 806 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (Pub. L. 102-190), as amended by Section 2091 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-335). The clause at 52.228-12, Prospective Subcontractor Requests for Bonds, implements Section 806(a)(3) of Public Law 102-190, as amended, which specifies that, upon the request of a prospective subcontractor or supplier offering to furnish labor or material for the performance of a construction contract for which a payment bond has been furnished to the United States pursuant to the Miller Act, the contractor shall promptly provide a copy of such payment bond to the requestor.

In conjunction with performance bonds, payment bonds are used in Government construction contracts to secure fulfillment of the contractor's obligations under the contract and to assure that the contractor makes all payments, as required by law, to persons furnishing labor or material in performance of the contract. This regulation provides prospective subcontractors and suppliers a copy of the payment bond furnished by the contractor to the Government for the performance of a Federal construction

contract subject to the Miller Act. It is expected that prospective subcontractors and suppliers will use this information to determine whether to contract with that particular prime contractor. This information has been and will continue to be available from the Government. The requirement for contractors to provide a copy of the payment bond upon request to any prospective subcontractor or supplier under the Federal construction contract is contained in Section 806(a)(3) of Public Law 102-190, as amended by Sections 2091 and 8105 of Public Law 103-335.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 12,000; responses per respondent, 5; total annual responses, 60,000; preparation hours per response, .5; and total response burden hours, 30,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0135, Subcontractor Payments, in all correspondence.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

Sharon A. Kiser,
FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Certain Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy Stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Certain Plutonium Residues and Scrub Alloy Stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (draft EIS) for public review and comment. The Department has prepared this draft EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. § 4321, *et seq.*), in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR part 1021). The draft EIS analyzes reasonable alternative means of

processing certain plutonium residues and all of the scrub alloy currently stored at the Rocky Flats Site near Golden, Colorado to a form suitable for disposal or other disposition. Plutonium residues and scrub alloy are materials that were generated during the manufacture of components for nuclear weapons. DOE will hold three public hearings during the comment period, which ends January 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the draft EIS should be directed to: Center for Environmental Management Information, P.O. Box 23769, Washington, D.C. 20026-3769, 1-800-736-3282 or in Washington, D.C., 202-863-5084. Copies of the draft EIS are also available for public review at the locations listed at the end of this Notice.

Written comments on the draft EIS should be mailed to: Mr. Charles R. Head, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management (EM-60), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5B-086, Washington, DC 20585-0001. Comments may also be submitted to RFPREIS@EM.DOE.GOV by E-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the draft EIS and about plutonium residues and scrub alloy, contact: Mr. Charles Head at the above address or call (202) 586-5151.

For information on the DOE NEPA process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0001, (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

DATES: The comment period ends on January 5, 1998. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. DOE will hold public hearings as follows:

Golden, Colorado—December 10, 1997
Los Alamos, New Mexico—December 11, 1997
Augusta, Georgia—December 16, 1997

Further details on the hearings are provided under **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 19, 1996, DOE published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 58866) to prepare an EIS on the management of certain plutonium residues and scrub alloy stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. The plutonium residues and scrub alloy were generated as intermediate products or byproducts resulting from the manufacture of components for nuclear