

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, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on and after May 1, 1998 for which the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has not issued an appropriate export visa fully described below. Should merged categories or part categories become subject to import quota, the merged or part category(s) automatically shall be included in the coverage of this arrangement. Merchandise in the merged or part category(s) exported on or after the date the merged or part category(s) is added to the agreement or becomes subject to import quotas shall require a visa. Products exported during the period May 1, 1998 through May 31, 1998 shall not be denied entry for lack of an export visa.

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 or successor document. 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 the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is "MK"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 8MK123456.

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 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

4. The correct category(s), merged category(s), part category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity of 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. 340–510 DOZ").

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted. Merged category quota merchandise may be accompanied by either the appropriate merged category visa or the correct category visa corresponding to the actual shipment (e.g., Categories 347/348 may be visaed as 347/348 or if the shipment consists solely of 347 merchandise, the

shipment may be visaed as "Cat. 347," but not as "Cat. 348"). If, however, a merged quota category such as 340/640 has a quota sublimit on Category 340, then there must be a "Category 340" visa for the shipment if it includes Category 340 merchandise.

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. 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 charged to any applicable quota.

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 textile visa 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 Embassy of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in Washington, DC, for the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The waiver, if used, only waives the requirement to present a visa with the shipment. It does not waive the quota requirement.

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 the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 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 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). This letter will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704–0232]

Information Collection Requirements; Contract Pricing

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement, and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through September 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062. Telefax (703) 602–0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil.

Please cite OMB Control Number 0704–0232 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704–0232 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, at (703) 602–0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>

Paper copies may be obtained from Ms. Amy Williams,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 215.8, Price Negotiation, and Related Clauses at 252.215, OMB Control Number 0704-0232.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to information collections used by DoD to negotiate an equitable adjustment in the total amount paid or to be paid under a fixed-price redeterminable or fixed-price incentive contract, to reflect final subcontract prices; and to determine if a contractor has an adequate system for generating cost estimates, and monitor correction of any deficiencies.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,350 hours.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Response per Respondent: .45.

Number of Responses: 141.

Average Burden per Response: 37.94 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

a. Subcontract Pricing Considerations.

DFARS 215.806-1 requires that, upon establishment of firm prices for each subcontract listed in a repricing modification, the contractor shall submit costs incurred in performing the subcontract and the final subcontract price. This requirement is used when pricing a fixed-price redeterminable or fixed-price incentive contract that includes subcontracts placed on the same basis for which the contractor has not yet established final prices, if cost or pricing data is inadequate to determine whether the amounts are reasonable, but circumstances require prompt negotiation.

b. Cost Estimating Systems

DFARS 215.811 and the clause at 252.215-7002, Cost Estimating System Requirements, require that certain large business contractors—

- Establish an adequate cost estimating system and disclose such estimating system to the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) in writing.
- Respond in writing to written reports from the Government that identify deficiencies in the estimating system.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Information Collection Requirements; Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement, and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through September 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2001.

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E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil.

Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0255 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704-0255 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Amy Williams, at (703) 602-0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 236, Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts, and Related Clauses at 252.236, OMB Control Number 0704-0255.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to information collections applicable to fixed-price construction contracts. Government personnel use the information generated by these collections to (a) evaluate contractor proposals for contract modifications, (b) determine that a contractor has removed obstructions to navigation, (c) review contractor requests for payment for mobilization and determine reasonableness of costs allocated to mobilization and demobilization, and (d) determine eligibility for the 20 percent evaluation preference for U.S. firms in the award of some overseas construction contracts.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 276,625 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,710.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Number of Responses: 2,740.

Average Burden per Response: 100.96 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This request covers the following requirements prescribed in DFARS 236.570, applicable to fixed-price construction contracts:

- DFARS 252.236-7000, Modification Proposals—Price Breakdown, requires contractors to submit a price breakdown with any proposal for a contract modification.

- DFARS 252.236-7002, Obstruction of Navigable Waterways, requires contractors to notify the contracting officer of obstructions in navigable waterways.

- DFARS 252.236-7003, Payment for Mobilization and Preparatory Work, requires contractors to provide supporting documentation when submitting requests for payment for mobilization and preparatory work.

- DFARS 252.236-7004, Payment for Mobilization and Demobilization, permits contracting officers to require contractors to furnish cost data justifying the percentage of the cost split between mobilization and demobilization, if the contracting officer believes that the proposed percentages