

f. FIPS PUB 87, Guidelines for ADP Contingency Planning.

g. FIPS PUB 112, Password Usage.

h. FIPS PUB 113, Computer Data Authentication.

i. FIPS PUB 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules.

j. FIPS PUB 171, Key Management Using ANSI X9.17.

k. ANSI X9.42, Agreement of Symmetric Keys on Using Discrete Logarithm Cryptography.©

l. ANSI X9.52, Triple Data Encryption Algorithm Modes of Operation.

15. *Qualifications.* Both this standard and possible threats reducing the security provided through the use of this standard will undergo review by NIST as appropriate, taking into account newly available technology. In addition, the awareness of any breakthrough in technology or any mathematical weakness of the algorithm will cause NIST to reevaluate this standard and provide necessary revisions.

With regard to the use of single DES, exhaustion of the DES (i.e., breaking a DES encrypted ciphertext by trying all possible keys) has become increasingly more feasible with technology advances. Following a recent hardware based DES key exhaustion attack, NIST can no longer support the use of single DES for many applications.

16. *Comments.* Comments and suggestions regarding this standard and its use are welcomed and should be addressed to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Attn: Director, Information Technology Laboratory, 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 8900, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8900.

17. *Waiver Procedure.* Under certain exceptional circumstances, the heads of Federal departments and agencies may approve waivers to Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS). The head of such agency may redelegate such authority only to a senior official designated pursuant to section 3506(b) of Title 44, United States Code. Waiver shall be granted only when:

a. Compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system; or

b. Compliance with a standard would cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator that is not offset by Government-wide savings.

Agency heads may act upon a written waiver request containing the information detailed above. Agency heads may also act without a written waiver request when they determine that conditions for meeting the standard cannot be met. Agency heads may approve waivers only by a written

decision that explains the basis on which the agency head made the required finding(s). A copy of each decision, with procurement sensitive or classified portions clearly identified, shall be sent to National Institute of Standards and Technology; ATTN: FIPS Waiver Decisions, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930.

In addition, notice of each waiver granted and each delegation of authority to approve waivers shall be sent promptly to the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Government Affairs of the Senate and shall be published promptly in the **Federal Register**.

When the determination on a waiver applies to the procurement of equipment and/or services, a notice of the waiver determination must be published in the Commerce Business Daily as a part of the notice of solicitation for offers of an acquisition or, if the waiver determination is made after that notice is published, by amendment to such notice.

A copy of the waiver, any supporting documents, the document approving the waiver and any accompanying documents, with such deletions as the agency is authorized and decides to make under 5 United States Code Section 552(b), shall be part of the procurement documentation and retained by the agency.

18. *Special Information.* In accordance with the Qualifications Section of this standard, reviews of this standard have been conducted every 5 years since its adoption in 1977. The standard was reaffirmed during each of those reviews. This revision to the text of the standard contains changes which allow software implementations of the algorithm, permit the use of other FIPS approved cryptographic algorithms, and designate Triple DES (i.e., TDEA) as a FIPS approved cryptographic algorithm.

19. *Where to Obtain Copies of the Standard.* Copies of this publication are for sale by the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161. When ordering, refer to Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 46-3 (FIPSPUB46-3), and identify the title. When microfiche is desired, this should be specified. Prices are published by NTIS in current catalogs and other issuances. Payment may be made by check, money order, deposit account or charged to a credit card accepted by NTIS.

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Karen H. Brown,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 991101293-9293-01]

Public Meeting, Digital Divide Summit

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, William M. Daley, will host a Digital Divide Summit, focused on expanding access to new technologies for underserved populations and areas. Secretary Daley will lead the dialogue among participants from the U.S. Government, technology industry, civil rights and non-profit communities, grass-roots community organizations, and the general public.

DATES: The Digital Divide Summit will be held on December 9, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Digital Divide Summit will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Main Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Joyner, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 4713, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-1816; facsimile (202) 501-8013; or electronic mail <digitaldivide@ntia.doc.gov>.

MEDIA INQUIRIES: Please contact the Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information tools, such as the personal computer and the Internet, are increasingly critical to economic success and personal advancement. On July 8, 1999, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a report, *Falling Through the Net: Defining the Digital Divide*, that found a growing gap between those with access to these tools and those without. As information technology plays an ever-increasing role in Americans' economic and social lives, the prospect that some will be left behind in the information age can have

serious repercussions. The digital divide threatens to impede the health of our communities, development of a skilled workforce, and the economic welfare of our nation.

On December 9, 1999, the Secretary of Commerce, William M. Daley, will host a Digital Divide Summit, focused on expanding access to information technologies for underserved populations and areas. Secretary Daley will lead the dialogue among participants from the U.S. Government, technology industry, civil rights and non-profit communities, grass-roots community organizations, and the general public. The participants will examine existing public and private initiatives aimed at closing the technology gap and will discuss how to expand upon and coordinate these efforts. Closing the digital divide is an essential part of President Clinton's New Markets Initiative, which seeks to bring America's prosperity to economically underserved areas.

The Digital Summit will be held at the Department of Commerce and will include an address by Secretary Daley; a roundtable discussion with representatives from the public and private sectors; and six breakout sessions. The topics of these smaller sessions include Technology and Economic Development in Underserved Areas; Sustainable Public Access Points; Lowering Barriers to Access through New Product Development; Marketing to and Content for Underserved Populations; Rural Communities—Targeted Solutions; and Workforce Development—Training and Education.

Agenda:

7:30–8:30 a.m. Registration, Lobby
8:30–9:50 a.m. Breakout Sessions, Various Rooms
9:50–10:00 a.m. Break
10:15–10:30 a.m. Secretary Daley, Remarks, Main Auditorium
10:30–12:30 a.m. Roundtable, Audience Questions, Main Auditorium
12:30–12:40 p.m. Secretary Daley, Closing, Main Auditorium

The agenda is subject to change. For current agenda information, please see the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/digitaldivide/summit/>.

Public Participation: The Digital Divide Summit is open to the public and physically accessible to people with disabilities. To enter the Commerce Department building, you must have photo identification available and/or a

U.S. Government building pass if applicable. To facilitate entry, you should also bring your registration form with you, if available. Any member of the public wishing to attend and requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Sarah Maloney, NTIA, U.S. Department of Commerce, at least five (5) working days prior to the Summit, at either telephone number (202) 482–1835 or electronic mail at smaloney@ntia.doc.gov.

Registration: Information about paper and electronic registration for the Digital Divide Summit will be available on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/digitaldivide/summit/>. Or contact Jeffrey Joyner, NTIA, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 4713, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482–1816; facsimile (202) 501–8013; or electronic mail digitaldivide@ntia.doc.gov. Please indicate on the registration form which breakout session you wish to attend. In addition, space is provided at the end of the registration material if you would like to share a description of activities you are undertaking on ideas you have to address the digital divide. You can also raise questions or concerns that relate to the topic. We will collect and distribute these ideas and questions to Summit participants.

National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Cambodian Labor Law and Standards Pursuant to the U.S.-Cambodia Bilateral Textile Agreement

November 3, 1999.

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

ACTION: Notice concerning Cambodian labor law and standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on categories for

which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482–3740.

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.

A notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 1999 (see 64 FR 6050) outlined the bilateral textile agreement of January 20, 1999 in which the Governments of the United States and Cambodia agreed to limits for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Cambodia and exported to the United States during three one-year periods beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 2001.

Pursuant to the bilateral textile agreement, the United States must make a determination by December 1, 1999 as to whether working conditions in the Cambodian textile and apparel sector substantially comply with Cambodian labor law and internationally recognized core labor standards. If the United States makes a positive determination, textile and apparel specific limits will be increased for the subsequent agreement year.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding this matter is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Becky Geiger. The deadline for receipt of comments is November 19, 1999.

Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption to the rulemaking provisions contained in 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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