proposals from U.S. businesses and industry-led joint ventures consisting of U.S. businesses, universities, governmental laboratories, and non-profit independent research organizations. The information provided through the proposal process is used to make funding decisions, and once funded, reports are required to monitor the progress of projects. Awardees may also be requested to participate in special economic studies.

II. Method of Collection

The proposal information is submitted in writing. The monitoring/case studies' reports are provided by various means, including in writing, orally (by telephone and during site visits), and electronically.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693–0009.

Agency Form Number(s): NIST 1262 and NIST–1263.

Type of Review: Revision and extension for a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 925 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20–30 hours for proposals and 1–3 hours for monitoring/case studies' reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,275.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $0 (no capital expenditures required).

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: User Evaluation of DARPA Communicator Systems.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 120.

Number of Respondents: 160.

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has provided funds to NIST to evaluate the DARPA Communicator implementations that have been built by research groups also funded by DARPA for that purpose. The evaluation is user-based and the users are paid research subjects. The subjects will fill out a user questionnaire that is intended to assess their user-satisfaction and subjective opinion about various aspects of each system that are being objectively measured. The information collected is intended to achieve three goals: (1) help implementors of Communicator programs to identify the successes and weaknesses of their implementations; (2) enable the research sponsor (DARPA) to identify and measure progress in order to assess the success of the program; and (3) advance the state of research knowledge about metrics and evaluation of task-based spoken dialogue systems.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 6, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

March 31, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2000.

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 the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at http://www.customs.gov. 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 certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special shift and carryover.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 54871, published on October 8, 1999.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 31, 2000.

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 October 4, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on April 6, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and Nepal:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit [1]
336/636	334,217 dozen.
340	478,914 dozen.
342/642	291,570 dozen.
347/348	907,501 dozen.
640	115,279 dozen.
641	247,762 dozen.

[1] The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

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).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Petition HP 00–3 Requesting a Ban of Candle Wicks Containing Lead and of Candles Containing Such Wicks

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission has received two submissions, one from Public Citizen and one jointly from the National Apartment Association (NAA) and the National Multi Housing Council (NMHC), that contain requests that the Commission ban lead-containing candles and wicks sold for candle-making that contain lead. These requests have been docketed collectively as a petition under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) (Petition No. HP 00–3). The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition from all interested parties.

DATES: Comments on the petition should be received in the Office of the Secretary by June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504–0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504–0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned ''Petition HP 00–3—Candle Wicks Containing Lead.'' Copies of the petition are available by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Docket Control and Communications Specialist, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504–0800 ext. 1502.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Commission has received two submissions, one from Public Citizen and one jointly from the National Apartment Association (NAA) and the National Multi Housing Council (NMHC), that request the Commission to ban lead-containing candles and wicks sold for candle-making that contain lead. These have been docketed collectively as a petition under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) (Petition No. HP 00–3). The submissions argue that the lead in candle wicks produces hazardous combustion materials when the candles are used, creating a lead poisoning hazard for occupants, particularly children.

Public Citizen's submission also asked that the Commission recall such products. This request has not been docketed as part of the petition because this action does not require rulemaking. (This request will be considered separately by the Office of Compliance.) In addition, Public Citizen's submission asked that the Commission ban candles in metal containers that contain lead. This request has not been docketed as part of the petition because the submission did not provide facts to explain why such action is necessary, as required by the Commission's rules for petitions, 16 CFR 1051.5(a)(4).

The Commission solicits comments on the petition, particularly regarding the potential costs and benefits of the requested rule.

Comments to CPSC should be mailed, preferably in five copies, to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207–0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland; telephone (301) 504–0800. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504–0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned ''Petition HP 00–3—Candle Wicks Containing Lead.''

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition from the CPSC's website at http://www.cpsc.gov or by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504–0800. A copy of the petition is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Agenda and Priorities/ Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); Public Hearing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 2002, which begins October 1, 2001, and about its current strategic plan, to be revised and submitted to Congress September 30, 2000, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2002, and strategic plan will become part of the public record.