system registrars that register organizations that produce medical devices. This sub-program is being established in accordance with NVCASE regulations in response to a request from a Federal Agency, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Accreditation bodies recognized by NIST may then accredit quality system registrars to register applicable organizations that demonstrate that they satisfy designated foreign or domestic mandated regulatory requirements.

The action taken under this notice addresses both generic and specific NVCASE requirements to allow NIST to support the FDA in fulfilling its obligations as designating authority under the current United States (U.S.)/ European Union (EU) Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) medical devices sectoral annex. If additional MRAs covering medical devices are negotiated between the United States and another country or region, additional specific requirements may also be included under this NVCASE activity.

Sub-program requirements have been developed in accordance with NVCASE regulations and with public consultation. Public input was obtained at an open meeting on April 15, 1999, and from comments received through May 15, 1999.

**DATES:** Applications will be received beginning February 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for recognition may be obtained from, and returned to, Robert L. Gladhill, NVCASE Program Manager, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2100, by fax (301) 975–5414, or E-mail at robert. gladhill@nist.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Gladhill, NVCASE Program Manager, at NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2100, telefax: (301) 975–5414, or E-mail: robert.gladhill@nist.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This NVCASE sub-program to recognize accreditation bodies that accredit quality system registrars is being established in accordance with the NVCASE Regulations (15 CFR part 286.2(b)(3)(ii)). The generic requirements and specific criteria for this NVCASE sub-program have been established in accordance with NVCASE regulations (15 CFR Part 286.5). Public input on the establishment of both generic requirements and specific criteria for the medical devices sector was received during an open workshop held at the Department of Commerce on April 15, 1999. This workshop was announced in the **Federal Register** vol. 64, No. 42/Thursday, March 4, 1999. Follow-up comments were accepted from the public through May 15, 1999.

NIST will apply the generic requirements contained in the International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) Guide 61—''General Requirements for Assessment and Accreditation of Certification/Registration Bodies'' to all applicant accreditation bodies. Quality system registrars applying to recognized accreditors shall be assessed against the requirements of ISO/IEC Guide 62—''General Requirements for Bodies Operating Assessment and Certification/ Registration of Quality Systems.'' These generic requirements will be supplemented by specific sectoral criteria contained in individual supplements to the NVCASE Program Handbook, for example, European Commission document MEDDEV 2.10/2 ''Designation and Monitoring of Notified Bodies within the framework of the directives on medical devices.'' Such specific sectoral criteria are developed through consultation with the public and appropriate experts.

As stated in the NVCASE regulations (15 CFR Part 286.4), the NVCASE program is operated on a cost reimbursement basis. It is open for voluntary participation by any U.S. based body that conducts activities relating to conformity assessment falling within the program's scope. Pursuant to this notice, NIST will accept applications from interested accreditation bodies for recognition to accredit quality system registrars under the U.S./EU MRA medical devices sectoral annex. Prospective accreditation bodies must submit a complete application and required fees by March 15, 2000 in order to be included in the initial group to be evaluated.

The evaluation of the first group of accreditation bodies applying for NVCASE recognition will begin on or about April 3, 2000. All accreditation bodies that have submitted a complete application and required fees to NIST by March 15, 2000, will be included in this initial group. Applications received subsequently will be considered on an as-received basis for evaluation after the initial group of applicants has been considered.

NIST expects to announce recognition of qualified accreditation bodies in the initial applicant group on or about June 1, 2000. On or about the same time, NIST also expects to identify and list an initial group of qualified registrars. Each registrar listed under the provisions of the U.S./EA MRA will be designated by NIST as a conformity assessment body (CAB).

This notice contains a collection of information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The collection of information has been approved by OMB under the following control Number : 0693–0019.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget Control Number.

Dated: January 18, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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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 Pakistan

January 20, 2000.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 27, 2000.

**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, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at http://www.customs.ustreas.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 reduced for carryforward applied to the 1999 limits. The current limit for Category 666–P is also being reduced for special carryforward that was applied to the 1999 limit.

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 68335, published on December 7, 1999.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

January 20, 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 December 1, 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 Pakistan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on January 27, 2000, you are directed to reduce the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit [1] |
|---|---|
| Specific limits: | |
| 360 | 5,874,932 numbers. |
| 361 | 6,831,315 numbers. |
| 363 | 49,489,371 numbers. |
| 369–F/369–P [2] | 2,742,869 kilograms. |
| 369–S [3] | 837,418 kilograms. |
| 666–P [4] | 659,891 kilograms. |
| 666–S [5] | 4,287,658 kilograms. |

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

[2] Category 369–F: only HTS number 6302.91.0045; Category 369–P: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010 and 6302.91.0005.

[3] Category 369–S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

[4] Category 666–P: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1010, 6302.22.1020, 6302.22.2010, 6302.32.1010, 6302.32.1020, 6302.32.2010 and 6302.32.2020.

[5] Category 666–S: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1030, 6302.22.1040, 6302.22.2020, 6302.32.1030, 6302.32.1040, 6302.32.2030 and 6302.32.2040.

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

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In the **Federal Register** of November 15, 1999 (64 FR 61852), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information required in the Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers (16 CFR Part 1205). No comments were received in response to this notice. By publication of this notice, the Commission announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of that collection of information without change for a period of three years from the date of approval by OMB.

The Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers establishes performance and labeling requirements for mowers to reduce unreasonable risks of injury resulting from accidental contact with the moving blades of mowers. Certification regulations implementing the standard require manufacturers, importers and private labelers of mowers subject to the standard to test mowers for compliance with the standard, and to maintain records of that testing. The records of testing and other information required by the certification regulations allow the Commission to determine that walk-behind power mowers subject to the standard comply with its requirements. This information also enables the Commission to obtain corrective actions if mowers fail to comply with the standard in a manner that creates a substantial risk of injury to the public.

**Additional Information About the Request for Extension of Approval of a Collection of Information**

*Agency address:* Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

*Title of information collection:* Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers, 16 CFR part 1205.

*Type of request:* Extension of approval without change.

*General description of respondents:* Manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of walk-behind power lawn mowers.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 20.

*Estimated average number of hours per respondent:* 390 per year.

*Estimated number of hours for all respondents:* 7,800 per year.

*Estimated cost of collection for all respondents:* $170,000.

*Comments:* Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by February 25, 2000 to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington D.C. 20503; telephone: (202) 395–7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504–0127 or by e-mail at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

Copies of this request for extension of the information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, management and program analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone: (301) 504–0416, ext. 2226.

Dated: January 20, 2000.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy

**AGENCY:** United States Military Academy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy.

*Date of Meeting:* 24 February 2000.

*Place of Meeting:* Veterans Affairs Conference Room, Room 418, Senate Russell Office Bldg, Washington, DC.

*Start Time of Meeting:* Approximately 9:00 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence J. Verbiest, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 10996–5000, (914) 938–4200.