

Border Protection removing visa and ELVIS requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 23, 2004.

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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel Web site at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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.

On December 24, 2003, as provided for under paragraph 242 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (Accession Agreement), the United States requested consultations with the Government of the People's Republic of China with respect to imports of Chinese origin products in Categories 222, 349/649 and 350/650. Through a letter published on December 29, 2003, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commission, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to establish a twelve-month limit on these products, beginning on December 24, 2003, and extending through December 23, 2004. 68 FR 74944, 74945, and 74947. At the same time, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commissioner to require that shipments of these products be accompanied by an export visa and Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) transmission issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China; this requirement did not apply to shipments exported prior to January 23, 2004. During consultations, the Government of the People's Republic of China objected to the requirement that shipments of these products be accompanied by an export visa and ELVIS transmission. Therefore, effective on January 23, 2004, the United States is rescinding the visa and ELVIS requirements for products in these categories; the quota limits remain in effect. CITA will revisit this issue if the situation warrants.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Information regarding the availability of the 2004 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date. Also see 62 FR 15465, published on April 1, 1997.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 20, 2004.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the 3 directives issued to you on December 23, 2003. Those directives concern the establishment of quota and visa requirements for certain cotton and man-made fiber textiles and textile products in Categories 222, 349/649, and 350/650, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the period beginning on December 24, 2003 and extending through December 23, 2004.

Effective on January 23, 2004, you are directed to remove the visa and ELVIS requirements for textile products in Categories 222, 349/649, and 350/650. However, the quota limits remain in effect.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Removal of Export Visa and Folklore Certification Requirements for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Mexican States

January 21, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection removing visa and folklore certification requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 23, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and

Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

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.

Pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the existing export visa and folklore certification requirements are being canceled for textile products no longer subject to restrictions or consultations levels which are exported from Mexico on and after January 1, 2004.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Information regarding the availability of the 2004 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date. Also see 58 FR 69350, published on December 30, 1993.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 21, 2004.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 27, 1993, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directed you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Mexico for which the government of the United Mexican States has not issued an appropriate visa.

Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854) and Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and pursuant to the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the Governments of the United States, the United Mexican States and Canada, effective on January 23, 2004, the visa and folklore certification requirements in the above referenced directive will not apply to Categories 410, 433, 443 and 611, as they are no longer subject to restrictions or consultation levels. Therefore, effective on January 23, 2004, you are directed to cancel the visa and folklore certification requirements for goods in these categories exported on and after January 1, 2004.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Draft Selection Criteria for Closing and Realignment Military Installations Inside the United States

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Under
Secretary of Defense (Installations and
Environment), DoD.

ACTION: Extend comment period on draft
selection criteria.

SUMMARY: In the December 23, 2003,
issue of the **Federal Register** (68 FR
74221), the Department of Defense
published the draft selection criteria to
be used by the Department in making
recommendations for the closure or
realignment of military installations
inside the United States. This notice
extends the comment period beyond the
deadline previously published and
clarifies that those comments must be
received at the address shown below by
5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on
January 30, 2004, to be considered in
the formulation of the final criteria.

DATES: Comments should be received at
the Department of Defense at the
address shown below by 5 p.m. on
January 30, 2004, to be considered in
the formulation of the final criteria.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should
submit written comments to: Office of
the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Installations & Environment), Attn: Mr.
Peter Potochney, Director, Base
Realignment and Closure, Room 3D814,
The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-
3300. Please cite this **Federal Register**
announcement in all correspondence.
Interested parties may also forward their
comments via facsimile at 703-695-
1496.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
Mike McAndrew, Base Realignment and
Closure Office, ODUSD(I&E), (703) 614-
5356.

Dated: January 24, 2004.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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Officer, Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Kentucky River Lock and Dam 10 Stabilization and Renovation Project Boonesborough, KY

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Authorized by the U.S.
Congress for the planning, design and
construction assistance for the
stabilization and renovation of
Kentucky River Lock and Dam 10.
Specific language for the work was
published in the 106th Congress, 2nd
Session, House of Representatives
Conference Report (106-1005), 26
October 2000, Section 631. This section
authorized the Secretary of the Army to
take all necessary measures to further
stabilize and renovate Lock and Dam 10
at Boonesborough, Kentucky. The Draft
Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
will assess the potential impacts of the
alternatives being considered upon the
social, economic and natural resources
of the project area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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6873 or facsimile (502) 315-6864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background:* Lock and Dam 10 was
built between 1902 and 1907. During its
construction, in 1905, a storm event
washed out the left-descending bank
(west bank) at the abutment of the lock.
To close the gap created by this
washout, an auxiliary dam was built
between the outer lock wall and the new
bank. That auxiliary dam was built on
a timber cribbing foundation, with the
intention of replacing the facility in the
near future. The timber cribbing remains
at the base of the auxiliary dam today,
but has been strengthened with brick
and concrete toppings. The main dam
has been subjected to base degradation
due to the erosive force of the spill
water. That damage will be repaired in
the near future, as part of a separate
project, with the addition of
reinforcement materials at its base. The
lock has not operated since July 2000,
when it was closed because of leaking
gates. The facility was maintained and
operated by the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers (Corps) until 1985, when

Kentucky River Locks and Dams 5
through 14 were leased to the
Commonwealth of Kentucky. In
December 1996, the facility ownership
was transferred to the Commonwealth of
Kentucky and has been managed since
then by the Kentucky River Authority
(KRA).

2. *Proposed Action:* The Corps, in
cooperation with the local sponsor,
KRA, is conducting this DEIS under
guidelines set forth by the National
Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of
1970. The Corps and KRA propose to
stabilize and renovate Lock and Dam 10
and to raise the main and auxiliary
dams, which would increase water
storage capacity of the pool. Water
supply has become an increasingly
important issue in the growing
metropolitan area that the pool water
resources serve.

3. *Action Alternatives Considered:*
Considered action alternatives include:
Replace the existing dam with a new
dam four feet higher than the existing
dam in close proximity and upstream of
the existing dam; and, replace the
existing dam with a new dam six feet
higher in close proximity and upstream
of the existing dam.

4. *The No-Action Alternative:* The
consequences of taking no action will
also be considered.

5. *Scoping Process:* The Corps and
KRA is asking, herein and elsewhere, for
public input regarding pertinent issues
that need to be addressed in the DEIS.
The first public scoping meeting was
held in November 2002 at
Boonesborough State Park, and
additional scoping meetings will be
held in the project area for the purpose
of obtaining input from public officials
and citizens. A comprehensive mailing
list has been assembled, including
Federal, state and local agencies, offices
and individuals. The list has been and
will be used to notify interested parties
of opportunities to provide input to the
scoping process. Pertinent issues
identified, thus far, include the
potential for increased frequency of
flooding of small agricultural fields
along the river, loss of riparian habitat
areas, effects to the aquatic habitat, and
potential increased frequency of
flooding of nearby roads and bridges. A
45-day public review period will be
provided for individuals and agencies to
review and comment on the DEIS. All
interested parties are encouraged to
respond to this notice and provide a
current address should they wish to be
notified of the date of scoping meetings
and for receipt of the DEIS for review
and comment.

6. *Availability:* The DEIS is expected
to be available for public review and