

exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

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Adjustment of Import Limits and Amendment of Quota and Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Indonesia

November 19, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits and amending quota and visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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 or call (202) 927-6704. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated November 1, 1996, the Governments of the United States and Indonesia agreed that goods classified in HTS numbers 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025, 5516.14.0085 (Category 611), 5408.24.9010, 5408.24.9040 (Category 618); 5408.34.9085 and 5516.24.0085 (Category 629) which are produced or manufactured in Indonesia and imported on or after December 1, 1996 will no longer be subject to quota and visa requirements. The new designations for Categories 611, 618 and 629 will be 611-O, 618-O and 629-O, respectively.

Also, the two governments agreed to increase the 1996 limits for Categories 336/636 and 342/642 for special swing, reducing the limit for Category 618-O to account for the increase.

Effective on December 1, 1996, goods in Categories 611, 618 and 629, produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported from Indonesia on or after

December 1, 1996 must be accompanied by a 611-O, 618-O or 629-O part-category visa. Goods currently visaed as 625/626/627/628/629 which are exported from Indonesia on or after December 1, 1996 shall be visaed as merged Categories 625/626/627/628/629-O, or the correct category or correct part-category corresponding to the actual shipment. There will be a grace period from December 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 during which goods exported from Indonesia in Categories 611, 618 and 629 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa. During the grace period merged Categories 625/626/627/628/629 may be accompanied by the whole merged category, the new merged part-category visa, or the correct whole or part category visa corresponding to the actual shipment.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to adjust limits and amend export quota and visa requirements.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 52 FR 20134, published on May 29, 1987; and 60 FR 62410, published on December 6, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and the November 1, 1996 MOU, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

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Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 19, 1996.

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 November 30, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on December 1, 1996, goods classified in HTS numbers 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025, 5516.14.0085 (Category 611), 5408.24.9010, 5408.24.9040 (Category 618); 5408.34.9085 and 5516.24.0085 (Category 629) which are produced or manufactured in Indonesia and imported on or after December 1, 1996 will no longer be subject to quota and visa requirements, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 1, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and Indonesia and under the terms of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing. The new designations for Categories 611, 618 and 629 will be 611-O¹, 618-O² and 629-O³, respectively.

Also effective on December 1, 1996, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
336/636	615,844 dozen.
342/642	384,088 dozen.
618-O	1,113,422 square meters.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

Effective on December 1, 1996, you are directed to amend further, the directive dated May 19, 1987, to require a part-category visa for Categories 611-O, 618-O and 629-O, produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported from Indonesia on or after December 1, 1996. Goods currently visaed as 625/626/627/628/629 which are exported from Indonesia on or after December 1, 1996 shall be visaed as merged Categories 625/626/627/628/629-O, or the correct category or correct part-category corresponding to the actual shipment. There will be a grace period from December 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 during which goods exported from Indonesia in Categories 611, 618 and 629 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa. During the grace period goods in merged Categories 625/626/627/628/629 may be accompanied by the whole merged category, the new merged part-category visa, or the correct whole or part category visa corresponding to the actual shipment.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs

¹ Category 611-O: all HTS numbers except 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025 and 5516.14.0085.

² Category 618-O: all HTS numbers except 5408.24.9010 and 5408.24.9040.

³ Category 629-O: all HTS numbers except 5408.34.9085 and 5516.24.0085.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.116N]

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition (Invitational Priority: Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education between the United States, Canada and Mexico); Notice Inviting Application for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: To provide grants to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is a Special Focus Competition pursuant to 34 CFR 630.11(b)(1) to support projects addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education. The competition also includes an invitational priority to encourage proposals designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American, Canadian and Mexican institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students and the opening of educational opportunities throughout North America.

The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with Canada and Mexico. Canadian and Mexican institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply, respectively, to Human Resources Development Canada and the Mexican Bureau of University Development for additional funding under separate Canadian and Mexican competitions.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education or combinations of such institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 14, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 13, 1997.

Applications Available: December 2, 1996.

Available Funds: \$1,150,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000–\$150,000, for three years.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$102,000, for three years.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75 (except as noted in 34 CFR 630.4(a)(2)), 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 630.

Priorities

Invitational Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) and 34 CFR 630.11(b)(1), the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

Invitational Priority: Projects that support consortia of institutions of higher education that promote institutional cooperation and student mobility between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 630.32:

(a) **Significance for Postsecondary Education.** The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its significance in improving postsecondary education by determining the extent to which it would—

(1) Achieve the purposes of the program competition, as referenced in § 630.11(b)(1), by addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education;

(2) Address an important problem or need;

(3) Represent an improvement upon, or important departure from, existing practice;

(4) Involve learner-centered improvements;

(5) Achieve far-reaching impact through improvements that will be useful in a variety of ways and in a variety of settings; and

(6) Increase the cost-effectiveness of services.

(b) **Feasibility.** The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its feasibility by determining the extent to which—

(1) The proposed project represents an appropriate response to the problem or need addressed;

(2) The applicant is capable of carrying out the proposed project, as evidenced by, for example—

(i) The applicant's understanding of the problem or need;

(ii) The quality of the project design, including objectives, approaches, and evaluation plan;

(iii) The adequacy of resources, including money, personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies;

(iv) The qualifications of key personnel who would conduct the project; and

(v) The applicant's relevant prior experience;

(3) The applicant and any other participating organizations are committed to the success of the proposed project, as evidenced by, for example—

(i) Contribution of resources by the applicant and by participating organizations;

(ii) Their prior work in the area; and

(iii) The potential for continuation of the proposed project beyond the period of funding (unless the project would be self-terminating); and

(4) The proposed project demonstrates potential for dissemination to or adaptation by other organizations, and shows evidence of interest by potential users.

(c) **Appropriateness of funding projects.** The Secretary reviews each application to determine whether support of the proposed project by the Secretary is appropriate in terms of availability of other funding sources for the proposed activities.

In accordance with 34 CFR 630.32 the Secretary announces the methods that will be used in applying the selection criteria.

The Secretary gives equal weight to the selection criteria on significance, feasibility, and appropriateness. Within each of these criteria, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the criteria listed above. In applying the criteria, the Secretary first analyzes an application in terms of each individual criterion. The Secretary then bases the final judgement of an application on an overall assessment of the degree to which the applicant addresses all selection criteria.

For Applications or Information Contact: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 3100, ROB-3, Washington, D.C. 20202-5175.

Telephone: (202) 708-5750 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Individuals may also request applications by submitting the name of