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Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products that are entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner of Customs.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 28, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); pursuant to the Export Visa Arrangement, effected by exchange of notes dated October 22, 1996 and December 31, 1996, between the Governments of the United States and the Russian Federation; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on March 1, 1997, entry into the Customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in Category 435, produced or manufactured in Russia and exported from Russia on and after March 1, 1997 for which the Government of the Russian Federation has not issued an appropriate export visa fully described below.

A visa must accompany each commercial shipment of the aforementioned textile products. A circular stamped marking in blue ink will appear on the front of the original commercial invoice. The original visa shall not be stamped on duplicate copies of the invoice. The original invoice with the original visa stamp will be required to enter the shipment into the United States. Duplicates of the invoice and/or visa may not be used for this purpose.

Each visa stamp shall include the following information:

1. The visa number. The visa number shall be in the standard nine digit letter format, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (the code for Russia is "RU"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 7RU123456.

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month and year on which the visa was issued.

3. The original signature of the issuing official and the printed name of the issuing official of the Government of the Russian Federation.

4. The correct category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity in the shipment as set

forth in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, annotated or successor documents shall be reported in the spaces provided within the visa stamp (e.g., "Cat. 435-510 DZ").

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted.

U.S. Customs shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a visa, or if the visa number, date of issuance, signature, printed name of the signer, category, quantity or units of quantity are missing, incorrect or illegible, or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the visa is less than that of the shipment, entry shall not be permitted. Nevertheless, the shipment shall be allowed to enter a bonded warehouse and to be withdrawn for consumption into the Customs territory of the United States within the limits of the amount indicated on the visa. If the quantity indicated on the visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted and only the amount entered shall be counted as imports from the Russian Federation.

The complete name and address of a company actually involved in the manufacturing process of the textile product covered by the visa shall be provided on the front of the textile document.

If the visa is not acceptable then a new correct visa or a visa waiver must be presented to the U.S. Customs Service before any portion of the shipment will be released. A visa waiver may be issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the request of the competent authorities in Washington for the Government of the Russian Federation. The waiver, if used, only waives the requirement to present a visa with the shipment. It does not waive the quota requirement. Visa waivers will only be issued for classification purposes or for one time special purpose shipments that are not part of an ongoing commercial enterprise.

If the visaed invoice is deficient, the U.S. Customs Service will not return the original document after entry, but will provide a certified copy of that visaed invoice for use in obtaining a new correct original visaed invoice, or a visa waiver.

If import quotas are in force, U.S. Customs Service shall charge only the actual quantity in the shipment to the correct category limit. If a shipment from Russia has been allowed entry into the commerce of the United States with either an incorrect visa or no visa, and redelivery is requested but cannot be made, the shipment will be charged to the correct category limit whether or not a replacement visa or waiver is provided.

Merchandise imported for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, and properly marked or commercial sample shipments valued at U.S.\$250 or less, do not require an export visa for entry and shall not be charged to existing quota levels.

A facsimile of the visa stamp is enclosed.

The actions taken concerning the Government of the Russian Federation with respect to imports of textile products in the foregoing category have been determined by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to involve foreign affairs

functions of the United States. Therefore, these directions to the Commissioner of Customs, which are necessary for the implementation of such actions, fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1). This letter will be published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of Futurecom as a Contract

Market in Live Cattle Futures and Options

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: Futurecom, an electronic commodities trading exchange, has applied for designation as a contract market in live cattle futures and option contracts, along with the terms and conditions for those contracts. Because Futurecom has not been approved previously by the Commission as a contract market in any commodity, Futurecom is also requesting approval of trading rules and rules of government that it has submitted to meet the requirements for a board of trading seeking designation as a contract market. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be

made to the Futurecom live cattle futures and option contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

With respect to the terms and conditions of the proposed futures and option contracts, please contact Fred Linse of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-418-5273. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: flinse@cftc.gov With respect to questions about the trading rules and rules of government, please contact Lois Gregory, Division of Trading and Markets, at the same address, telephone 202 418-5483. Electronic mail: lgregory@cftc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the terms and conditions of the proposed contract as well as the proposed trading rules and rules of government submitted by Futurecom will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by Futurecom in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in (17 CFR Part 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposal to designate Futurecom as contract market or with respect to terms and conditions of the proposed futures contract, the trading rules, the rules of government, or other materials submitted in support of the applications, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 27, 1997.

Blake Imel,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Finance Deputate.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions concerning the proposed Direct Deposit Authorization form. 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 estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before April 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Finance Deputate, ATTN: Ms. Patricia Cristiano, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22240-5291.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Ms. Patricia J. Cristiano, at (703) 607-5039.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Direct Deposit Authorization form.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to meet the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of the Treasury's requirements to process civilian and military personnel requests to authorize direct deposits of net payments, travel payments, and savings allotments to financial institutions to which payment is to be directed. The information collection requirement is required by the Treasury Financial Manual, Bulletin No. 95-07, dated December 16, 1994

and DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 5.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 879,716.

Number of Respondents: 1,759,432.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Direct Deposit Authorization form is used to process net pay, travel payments, and allotments for all Department of Defense personnel including civilians, active duty and retired military, and annuitants. The form will be completed and signed by the payee and forwarded to their paying office. The information can be obtained from the payee's banking documents. The paying office will enter the Direct Deposit enrollment information into the payroll system, and at the same time assure proper identification of the payee. This data will later be forwarded to the payee's financial institution by the servicing Federal Reserve Bank.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Defense Contract Audit Agency, DOD.

ACTION: Notice to add a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Defense Contract Audit Agency proposes to add one record system to its inventory of system of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This action will be effective without further notice on March 3, 1997, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Information and Privacy Advisor, Defense Contract Audit Agency, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 2135, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dave Henshall at (703) 767-1013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Contract Audit Agency notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the