

and at 7:00 p.m. on April 22, 1998, at the Homer City Council Chambers, 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99603.

The views of interested persons and organizations on the adequacy of the DEIS/DMP are solicited, and may be expressed orally and/or in written statements. Presentations will be scheduled on a first-come, first-heard basis, and may be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. The time allotment may be extended before the hearing when the number of speakers can be determined. All comments received at the hearing will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Management Plan.

The comment period for the DEIS/DMP will end on May 4, 1998. All written comments received by this deadline will be considered in the preparation of the FEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. R. Randall Schneider (301) 713-3132, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan are available upon request to the Sanctuaries and Reserves Division.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420 (Coastal Zone Management) Research Reserves

Dated: March 31, 1998.

**Nancy Foster,**

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Patent Application Bibliographic Data Entry Format (Proposed Addition to Package 0651-0032—Initial Patent Application)

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed addition to a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction

Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or instructions should be directed to the attention of Jeff Cochran, Director, Office of Electronic Document Programs, telephone number (703) 306-3449 or by e-mail at jeff.cochran@uspto.gov. All correspondence should be addressed to Patent Application Data Entry Format, c/o Jeff Cochran, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Crystal Park 3, Suite 700, 2231 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) plans to accept from applicants, on a voluntary basis, papers containing the bibliographic information for a patent application in a specific format termed a "Patent Application Data Entry Format." This format groups the bibliographic information into different information sections composed of headings and labels. Providing the bibliographic information for a patent application to the PTO in the Patent Application Data Entry Format will enable the PTO to automate the data entry process for the application. The purpose of the program is three fold. *First*, the system will improve the quality of Filing Receipt information mailed by the PTO to applicants. *Second*, the program will provide the PTO with experience in establishing a simplified system that completely captures the bibliographic information for all patent applications. *Third*, the system will accurately and directly feed this bibliographic information into the PTO's automated electronic information management systems.

##### II. Method of Collection

The initial patent application may be filed by mail or hand-delivery to the PTO, and a continued prosecution application may also be filed by facsimile. Papers submitted subsequently during the prosecution of an application may be filed by mail, facsimile, or hand-delivery. The PTO is preparing a publication entitled Guide for Preparing the Patent Application Data Entry Format which describes the

format and provides instructions for completing the information sections. Information concerning the Guide for Preparing the Patent Application Data Entry Format may be obtained by contacting Jeff Cochran (refer to the "For Further Information" section of this notice for the necessary details).

The Patent Application Data Entry Format is not a PTO form, but a format for entering data. This format may be created either by directly typing the bibliographic information on blank sheets of paper in the specified format (using a typewriter or word processor), or by using electronic templates in a word processor. Applicants will be encouraged, but not required, to provide bibliographic information for applications in the Patent Application Data Entry Format. When this program is implemented, the PTO will provide a copy of the Guide for Preparing the Patent Application Data Entry Format, as well the electronic templates for Microsoft Word<sup>®</sup> and WordPerfect<sup>®</sup> word processing programs, on its Internet Web site.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0032.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Any individual filing a patent application.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 243,100 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 7.88 hours. Please note that this figure is an average based upon the number of each type of application received by the PTO per year times the amount of time that it takes an applicant to complete each type of application. This total is then divided by the total number of applications submitted per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 1,915,500 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$335,212,500 per year.

**Note:** The addition of the "Patent Application Data Entry Format" does not change either the burden hours or the number of responses already reported for this collection. This format simply suggests a particular arrangement for the bibliographic data that is already requested in this collection, and as such, does not change or affect the burden hour estimates for this information collection.

##### IV. Request for Comments

With respect to the following collections of information, comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information will 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, when appropriate, 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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

### Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 16 April 1998 at 10:00 AM in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. The meeting will focus on a variety of projects affecting the appearance of the city.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, D.C. 27 March 1998.

**Charles H. Atherton,**

*Secretary.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Increase of Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

March 30, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing guaranteed access levels.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 3, 1998.

**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 levels, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. 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.

Upon a request from the Government of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Government agreed to increase the current guaranteed access levels for certain textile products.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67622, published on December 29, 1997.

**J. Hayden Boyd,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 30, 1998.

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 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during 1998.

Effective on April 3, 1998, you are directed to increase the guaranteed access levels for the following categories:

Category	Guaranteed access level
338/638 .....	3,150,000 dozen.
339/639 .....	2,150,000 dozen.
633 .....	100,000 dozen.

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,

J. Hayden Boyd,

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Implementation and Enforcement of the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Initiative and Andean Trade Preference Act Countries

March 30, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Notice and directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending requirements for participation in the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Initiative and Andean Trade Preference Act Countries; termination of Form ITA-370P.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth amended requirements for participating in the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) Special Access Program and the Special Access Program for Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) countries (collectively, the "Special Access Program"). Under the Special Access Program, textile products assembled in CBI and ATPA countries from fabric formed and cut in the United States that meet the requirements of the Special Access Program are guaranteed access to the U.S. market. Textile products that meet the requirements of the Special Access Program are eligible for tariff treatment as articles assembled abroad from U.S. components. Currently, participants in the Special Access Program are required to file a Special Access/Special Regime Export Declaration (Form ITA-370P) prior to the exportation of qualifying parts and to present a completed Form ITA-370P as part of the entry package when the assembled products are imported into