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The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 16, 1996, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2582.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**  
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Export Trade Certificate of Review

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of process to revoke Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 85-00014.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Commerce issued an export trade certificate of review to Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company. Because this certificate holder has failed to file an annual report as required by law, the Department is initiating proceedings to revoke the certificate. This notice summarizes the notification letter sent Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Morton Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") (15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to

issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325. Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on December 20, 1985 to Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company.

A certificate holder is required by law (section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018) to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate. The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review (§§ 325.14(a) and (b) of the Regulations). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation. (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations).

The Department of Commerce sent multiple reminder letters and made several telephone calls to Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company regarding their failure to submit annual reports as required. The Department has received no written response to any of these letters or telephone calls.

On May 1, 1998 and in accordance with § 325.10(c)(1) of the regulations, a letter was sent by certified mail to notify Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate. The letter stated that this action is being taken because of the certificate holder's failure to file an annual report.

In accordance with § 325.10(c)(2) of the regulations, each certificate holder has 30 days from the day after its receipt of the notification letter in which to respond. The certificate holder is deemed to have received this letter as of the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. For good cause shown, the Department of Commerce can, at its discretion, grant a 30-day extension for a response.

If the certificate holder decides to respond, it must specifically address the Department's statement in the notification letter that it has failed to file an annual report. It should state in detail why the facts, conduct, or circumstances described in the notification letter are not true, or if they are, why they do not warrant revoking the certificate.

If the certificate holder does not respond within the specified period, it will be considered an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter (§ 325.10(c)(2) of the regulations).

If the answer demonstrates that the material facts are in dispute, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Justice shall, upon

request, meet informally with the certificate holder. Either Department may require the certificate holder to provide the documents or information that are necessary to support its contentions (§ 325.10(c)(3) of the regulations).

The Department shall publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of the revocation or modification or a decision not to revoke or modify (§ 325.10(c)(4) of the regulations). If there is a determination to revoke a certificate, any person aggrieved by such final decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which the Department's final determination is published in the **Federal Register** §§ 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the regulations).

Dated: May 1, 1998.

**Morton Schnabel,**

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 980413093-8093-01]

#### Notice of Termination of Validation Services for Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; termination of validation services.

**SUMMARY:** The NIST is terminating validation services for the following Federal Information Processing Standards:

- FIPS 21-4, COBOL
- FIPS 69-1, Fortran
- FIPS 113, Computer Data Authentication
- FIPS 171, Key Management Using ANSI X9.17-1985.

The NIST announced on October 10, 1997, (62 FR 52976) that it would terminate validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL, and FIPS 69-1, Fortran, by September 30, 1998, or earlier if private industry validation services were established. Since such services are now available, NIST is terminating these validation services effective June 7, 1998.

NIST is also terminating validation services for FIPS 113 and FIPS 171 on June 7, 1998. Neither service has been used over the past few years. Verification of proper implementation

for these two standards will now be performed as part of the Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP). Accredited Cryptographic Module Testing (CMT) Laboratories shall perform testing related to FIPS 113 and FIPS 171—if applicable—for cryptographic modules undergoing FIPS 140-1 validation testing, in accordance with guidance provided by NIST.

A Directory of Conformance Testing Programs, Products, and Services is available on the World Wide Web (WWW) at the Universal Resource Locator (URL)—<http://www.nist.gov/ctdirectory.html>. NIST test suites and testing procedures are distributed freely and are accessible from the Directory. Additional conformance testing information is available on the URL—<http://www.nist.gov/div897/ctg>.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

For FIPS 21-4 and FIPS 69-1: Lynne S. Rosenthal, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone (301) 975-3353, e-mail [lsr@nist.gov](mailto:lsr@nist.gov).

For FIPS 113 and FIPS 171: James G. Foti, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone (301) 975-5237, e-mail [james.foti@nist.gov](mailto:james.foti@nist.gov).

**Authority:** Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996, and the Computer Security Act of 1987, as amended, (Pub. L. 104-106).

Dated: April 29, 1998.

**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**New Transshipment Charges for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China**

May 5, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs charging transshipments to 1998 limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

**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.

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 1996 (61 FR 47892), CITA announced that Customs would be conducting other investigations of transshipments of textiles produced in China and exported to the United States. Based on these investigations, the U.S. Customs Service has determined that textile products in certain categories, produced or manufactured in China and entered into the United States with the incorrect country of origin, were entered in circumvention of the Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China. Consultations were held between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China on this matter November 5-7, 1997 and January 15-16, 1998. Pursuant to paragraph 13(E) of the February 1, 1997 MOU between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, the United States may charge three times the amounts transshipped to China's negotiated quantitative limits, with the amounts distributed equally over the remaining term of the agreement. Accordingly, charges will be made to each of the 1998, 1999 and 2000 quota years for Categories 331, 341, 347/348, 351, 352, 631, 636, 641, 647, 649 and 652. In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to charge the following amounts to the 1998 quota levels:

| Category      | Amounts to be charged |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 331 .....     | 82,122 dozen pairs.   |
| 341 .....     | 80 dozen.             |
| 347/348 ..... | 518 dozen.            |
| 351 .....     | 62 dozen.             |
| 352 .....     | 7,692 dozen.          |
| 631 .....     | 30,700 dozen pairs.   |
| 636 .....     | 101 dozen.            |
| 641 .....     | 1,309 dozen.          |
| 647 .....     | 25 dozen.             |
| 649 .....     | 3,061 dozen.          |
| 652 .....     | 6,372 dozen.          |

U.S. Customs continues to conduct other investigations of such transshipments of textiles produced in China and exported to the United States. Any charges resulting from these investigations will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The U.S. Government is taking this action pursuant to the February 1, 1997 MOU between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China.

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 67827, published on December 30, 1997.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

May 5, 1998.

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

Dear Commissioner: To facilitate implementation of the Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997, between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, I request that, effective on May 7, 1998, you charge the following amounts to the following categories for the 1998 restraint period (see directive dated December 22, 1997):

| Category      | Amounts to be charged |
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| 331 .....     | 82,122 dozen pairs.   |
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The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to 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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