

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled during 2 days: Monday, November 20, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 21, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Sea Grant Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Chandrakant Bhumralkar, Acting Director, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11362, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-2448 extension 161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel, which consists of balanced representation from academia, industry, state government, and citizens groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Public Law 94-461, 33 U.S.C. 1128) and advises the Secretary of Commerce, the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, also the Administrator of NOAA, and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice. The agenda for the meeting is:

Monday, November 20, 1995

8:00-8:10 Panel Introductions
8:10-9:00 Legislative Update
9:00-10:00 National Sea Grant Office Briefing
10:30-11:00 Status on the Selection of Sea Grant Director and 1996 Site Visit Plans
11:00-12:00 Council of Sea Grant Directors/Sea Grant Association
1:00-2:30 Role of Panel: General Discussion
3:00-5:00 Involvement in Secretarial and Under Secretarial Constituency Roundtable Discussions

Tuesday, November 21, 1995

8:00-9:00 NOAA Briefing
9:00-9:30 Communications Paper
9:30-10:30 Operational Improvements
10:30-12:00 Panel Organizational Business
12:00 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting will be open to the public.

Dated: November 3, 1995.

Ned A. Ostenson,

Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment Export Visa Requirements for Certain Silk Apparel and Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China; Correction

November 3, 1995.

Make the following changes in the document published in the Federal Register on October 24, 1995 (60 FR 54478):

1. In the notice, 3rd paragraph, 4th line, under the heading 'Supplementary Information' change 'February 28, 1996' to 'February 29, 1996.'

2. In the letter to the Commissioner of Customs, 3rd paragraph, 6th line, change 'February 28, 1996' to 'February 29, 1996.'

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Announcement of Public Comment Period on the Implementation of the Electronic Visa Information System

November 6, 1995.

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

ACTION: Seeking Public Comment on the Implementation of the Electronic Visa Information System

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Carducci, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202)482-3588.

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).

The Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) allows foreign governments to electronically transfer shipment information on textile and apparel shipments which are subject to quantitative restrictions, to the U.S. Customs Service. Preparations are underway to move beyond the current test phase and begin implementation of ELVIS with China, Korea, the Philippines and Singapore on January 1, 1996, pending bilateral agreement to amend the existing visa arrangements. As other trading partners complete the technical requirements, they will also be added to this system. (Note: This

implementation will not eliminate the current requirement for a valid paper visa to accompany each shipment. After six months from the date of implementation, an assessment of the dual visa system will be made to determine whether a transition to a paperless ELVIS system with selected trading partners is appropriate.)

Implementation will require a complete and accurate ELVIS transmission before the U.S. Customs Service permits entry for a shipment. U.S. Customs will:

A. Not release merchandise if an ELVIS transmission has not been received from the country of origin.

B. Not release merchandise if the ELVIS transmission for that shipment is missing any of the following: visa number, category or part category, quantity, unit of measure, date of issuance, manufacturer identification number; or if information in the transmission does not match information supplied by the importer, or agent on behalf of the importer.

C. Not release merchandise if the quantity being entered is greater than the quantity transmitted.

D. Not release merchandise if the visa number has previously been used, except in the case of a split shipment.

E. Require a new, correct ELVIS transmission from the country of origin before releasing a shipment that has been denied entry because of one of the circumstances mentioned above.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements is requesting interested parties to submit comments on the January 1, 1996 implementation of the Electronic Visa Information System. Comments must be received on or before Friday, December 8, 1995. Comments may be mailed to the Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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).

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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