

The ratio of imports to domestic production increased from 89 percent in 1996 to 114 percent in 1997. The domestic manufacturers' share of the U.S. market for men's and boys' and women's and girls' cotton knit shirts and blouses dropped 10 percentage points, falling to 36 percent in 1997.

Summary of the Statement in Support of Request for Consultations Under Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956

Cotton Sweaters—Category 345

October 1998

Import Situation and Conclusion

U.S. imports of cotton sweaters, Category 345, from Cambodia surged to 53,001 dozen during the year ending July 1998, over 200 times the 249 dozen imported during the year ending July 1997. There were no imports from Cambodia in 1996. Imports from Cambodia were 1.6 percent of total U.S. imports of Category 345 in the year ending July 1998, and were equivalent to 2.3 percent of U.S. production of Category 345 in 1997.

U.S. imports of cotton sweaters, Category 345, from Cambodia entered the U.S. at an average landed duty-paid value of \$57.26 per dozen during the first seven months of 1998, 62 percent below the average landed duty-paid value for all cotton sweater imports into the U.S., and 68 percent below the average U.S. producers' price for cotton sweaters.

The sharp and substantial increase of low-valued Category 345 imports from Cambodia threatens to cause disruption to the U.S. cotton sweater market and to the orderly flow of trade in these products.

U.S. Production, Import Penetration, and Market Share

U.S. production of cotton sweaters, Category 345, declined in 1997 falling to 2,290,000 dozen, 18 percent below the 1996 production level. Imports of Category 345 increased from 2,368,553 dozen in 1996 to 2,862,748 dozen in 1997, a 21 percent increase. Imports continued to increase reaching 3,322,066 dozen in the year ending July 1998, 30 percent above the same period a year earlier.

The ratio of imports to domestic production increased from 85 percent in 1996 to 125 percent in 1997. The domestic manufacturers' share of the U.S. market for cotton sweaters dropped 10 percentage points, falling to 41 percent in 1997.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 19, 1998.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Enforcement Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Termination Requirements

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Termination Requirements. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 46003, August 28, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before December 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Contracting officers terminate contracts, for default or convenience, only when it is in the best interest of the Government to do so. After receipt of the notice of termination, contractors are required to terminate subcontracts, advise the contracting officer of any special circumstances, submit any requests for an equitable adjustment, submit a settlement proposal, and take other action as directed. Records regarding the terminated contract must be maintained for 3 years.

The information submitted or retained in connection with contract termination is used to reach an equitable settlement with firms and to protect the interests of the Government and the terminated contractor.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per termination, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 2,920; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 2,920; preparation hours per response, 3; and total response burden hours, 8,760; and total recordkeeping hours, 2,920.