

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Technology Administration****National Medal of Technology  
Nomination Evaluation Committee  
(NMTNEC)**

**AGENCY:** Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of recruitment for additional members for NMTNEC.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, Technology Administration (TA), requests nominations of individuals for appointment to the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC). The Committee provides advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. Public Law 105-309; 15 U.S.C. 3711, Section 10, approved by the 105th Congress in 1998, added the National Technology Medal for Environmental Technology. The terms of several current members have expired and the period of nominations will identify their replacement.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before September 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit nominations to the National Medal of Technology Program Office, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230. Materials may be faxed to 202-501-8153.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew J. Fowell, Acting Director, 202-482-5572.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Medal of Technology was rechartered on December 8, 1999 for a period of two years to provide advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC) serves as an advisory body to the Under Secretary of Technology in his capacity as Chair of the Steering Committee, which reports directly to the Secretary of Commerce. Members are responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendations for the nation's highest honor for technological innovation, awarded annually by the President of the United States. Members of the NMTNEC have an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or they are familiar with the education,

training, employment and management of technological human resources.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, membership in a committee constituted under the Act must be balanced. To achieve balance, the Department is seeking additional nominations of candidates from small, medium-sized, and large businesses or with special expertise in the following subsectors of the technology enterprise:

- (1) Infrastructure & Transportation/Telecommunications;
- (2) Biomedical/Pharmaceutical/Health;
- (3) Human Resources/Education; and
- (4) Other (including manufacturing, process, environmental technology, transportation).

Typically, committee members are present or former Chief Executive Officers or other senior leaders of corporations; presidents or distinguished faculty of universities; or senior executives of non-profit organizations. They offer stature by virtue of their positions and also possess first-hand knowledge of the forces driving future directions for their industries or fields of expertise. The Committee as a whole is balanced in representing geographical, professional, and diversity interests. Nominees must be U. S. citizens, must be able to fully participate in meetings pertaining to the review and selection of finalists for the National Medal of Technology, and must uphold the confidential nature of an independent peer review and competitive selection process.

The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse NMTNEC membership.

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Technology Administration.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE  
AGREEMENTS****Amendment of Export Visa  
Requirements for Certain 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**

August 8, 2000.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for

the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice printed on light green paper.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

**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.

The Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China have agreed to amend the existing export visa requirements to provide for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice, issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China, for shipments of goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China on and after January 1, 2001. The new license/invoice shall be printed on light green background paper. The light green form replaces the light blue background form currently in use. The visa stamp is not being changed at this time.

Shipments of textile and apparel products which are produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 2001 through January 31, 2001 may be accompanied by a visa printed on either the light blue background paper or the light green background paper as described above.

See 62 FR 15465, published on April 1, 1997.

**Richard B. Steinkamp,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile  
Agreements**

**August 8, 2000.**

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 March 27, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive establishes an export visa arrangement for certain 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.

Effective on January 1, 2001, for products exported from China on or after January 1, 2001, you are directed to amend the March 27, 1997 directive to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on light green