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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Limitations of Duty- and Quota-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Mauritius From Third-Country Fabric

February 25, 2005.

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

ACTION: Publishing the New 12-Month sub-Cap on Duty- and Quota-Free Benefits for Mauritius.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Title I, Section 112(b)(3) of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, as amended by Section 3108 of the Trade Act of 2002 and Section 7(b)(2) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004; Presidential Proclamation 7350 of October 4, 2000 (65 FR 59321); Presidential Proclamation 7626 of November 13, 2002 (67 FR 69459); Section 2004(k) of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Act of 2004.

Section 2004(k) of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Act of 2004 provides that, for the one-year period beginning on October 1, 2004, the term "lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country" includes Mauritius. Further, it establishes a separate limitation for Mauritius within the quantitative limitation applicable to apparel of third-country fabric.

Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (TDA 2000) provides for duty- and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. Section 112(b)(3) of TDA 2000 provides duty- and quota-free treatment for apparel articles wholly assembled in one or

more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from fabric wholly formed in one or more beneficiary countries from yarn originating in the U.S. or one or more beneficiary countries. This preferential treatment is also available for apparel articles assembled in one or more lesser-developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, regardless of the country of origin of the fabric used to make such articles. This special rule for lesser-developed countries applies through September 30, 2004. TDA 2000 imposed a quantitative limitation on imports eligible for preferential treatment under these two provisions.

The Trade Act of 2002 amended TDA 2000 to extend preferential treatment to apparel assembled in a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country from components knit-to-shape in a beneficiary country from U.S. or beneficiary country yarns and to apparel formed on seamless knitting machines in a beneficiary country from U.S. or beneficiary country yarns, subject to the quantitative limitation. The Trade Act of 2002 also increased the quantitative limitation but provided that this increase would not apply to apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries. Section 7(b)(2)(B) of the AGOA Acceleration Act extended the expiration of the quantitative limitations. It also further amended the percentages to be used in calculating the quantitative limitations for each twelve-month period, beginning on October 1, 2003. Section 2004(k) of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Act of 2004 provides that, for the one-year period beginning on October 1, 2004, the term "lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country" includes Mauritius. Further, it establishes a separate limitation for Mauritius within the quantitative limitation applicable to apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries.

The AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 provides that the quantitative limitation for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2004 will be an amount not to exceed 5.31025 percent of the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States in the preceding 12-month period for which data are available. See Section 112(b)(3)(A)(ii)(I) of TDA 2000, as amended by Section 7(b)(2)(B) of the AGOA Acceleration Act. Of this overall amount, apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries is limited to an amount not to exceed 2.6428 percent of apparel imported into the United States in the preceding 12-month period. See Section 112(b)(3)(B)(ii)(II) of TDA 2000, as

amended by Section 7(b)(2)(B) of the AGOA Acceleration Act. The Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Act of 2004 provides that, of the amount established for apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries, the amount applicable to Mauritius is five percent. See Section 2004(k) of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Act of 2004. The United States Trade Representative has implemented the applicable conforming modification to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule. **See Notice of Change to U.S. Note 2(d) to Subchapter XIX of Chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States**, 70 Fed. Reg. 9125 (Feb. 24, 2005). For the purpose of this notice, the most recent 12-month period for which data are available is the 12-month period ending July 31, 2004.

Presidential Proclamation 7350 directed CITA to publish the aggregate quantity of imports allowed during each 12-month period in the **Federal Register**. See 65 FR 59321 (October 4, 2000). Presidential Proclamation 7626 modified the aggregate quantity of imports allowed during each 12-month period. See 67 FR 69459 (November 18, 2002).

CITA previously published the aggregate quantities of imports allowed for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. See 69 FR 56747 (September 22, 2004). For the one-year period, beginning on October 1, 2004, and extending through September 30, 2005, the aggregate quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under these provisions is 1,076,876,652 square meters equivalent. Of this amount, 535,938,914 square meters equivalent is available to apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries. Of the amount available to apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries, 26,796,946 square meters equivalent is available to such apparel imported from Mauritius. Apparel articles entered in excess of these quantities will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs.

These quantities are calculated using the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States, derived from the set of Harmonized System lines listed in the Annex to the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the conversion factors for units of measure into square meter

equivalents used by the United States in implementing the ATC.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army; DoD.

ACTION: Notice of partially-closed meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB).

Dates: March 22, 2005 (Partially-closed meeting). March 23, 2005 (Open meeting).

Times: 8 a.m.-6:10 p.m. (March 22, 2005). 7:30 a.m.-4:20 p.m. (March 23, 2005).

Location: Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center, 1607 Porter Avenue, Fort Detrick, MD (March 22, 2005, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.) and U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, 1425 Porter Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5011 (March 23, 2005, see above).

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to address pending and new Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, conduct subcommittee meetings, and conduct an executive working session.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Roger Gibson, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/3.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the interest of national security, and in accordance with 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, Section 10(d) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), the morning session on March 22, 2005 may be closed to the public. In addition, any classified portions of the meeting minutes may be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, Section 10(b) and 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1). The afternoon session on March 22, 2005 and the entire session on March 23, 2005 will be open to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), specifically subparagraph (1)

thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Multi-Purpose Self-Erecting Structure Having Advanced Insect Protection and Storage Characteristics

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. 6,672,323 entitled "Multi-Purpose Self-Erecting Structure Having Advanced Insect Protection and Storage Characteristics," issued January 6, 2004. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Attn: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-ZA-J, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The self-erecting structure has resilient lower and upper support loops which provide it with shape and support. Fabric covers the support loops, and is permanently affixed to the support loops. The fabric has a lower, waterproof portion and an upper insect protection portion. The fabric is preferably treated to provide it with insect repellent and insecticide properties. The support loops are made of flexible, resilient rods made of a material, such as a vinyl ester and fiberglass combination having a diameter selected to enable the support loops to be folded into six loops, whereby the structure can be compactly

stored in a rucksack. The method of folding the structure so that it can be stored in such a compact space is also disclosed.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry, as the Board shall deem necessary into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. The meeting will include discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The open session of the meeting will be held on Monday, March 7, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The closed Executive Session will be held on Monday, March 7, 2005, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Banquet Room in Annapolis, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Marc D. Boran, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, (410) 293-1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The executive session of the meeting will consist of discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy and internal Board of Visitors matters. Discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because it will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(2), (5), (6), (7) and (9) of title 5, United