

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Determination Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act

August 13, 2007.

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

ACTION: Directive to the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain additional textile and apparel goods from Mali shall be treated as "handloomed, handmade, folklore articles, or ethnic printed fabrics" and qualify for preferential treatment under the African Growth and Opportunity Act. Imports of eligible products from Mali with an appropriate visa will qualify for duty-free treatment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2007.

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: Sections 112(a) and 112(b)(6) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-200) ("AGOA"), as amended by section 7(c) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-274) ("AGOA Acceleration Act") (19 U.S.C. §§ 3721(a) and (b)(6)); sections 2 and 5 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001; Sections 25-27 and Paras. 13-14 of Presidential Proclamation 7912 of June 29, 2005.

AGOA provides preferential tariff treatment for imports of certain textile and apparel products of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, including handloomed, handmade, or folklore articles of a beneficiary country that are certified as such by the competent authority in the beneficiary country. The AGOA Acceleration Act further expanded AGOA by adding ethnic printed fabrics to the list of textile and apparel products made in the beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries that may be eligible for the preferential treatment describes in section 112(a) of the AGOA. In Executive Order 13191 (January 17, 2001) and Presidential Proclamation 7912 (June 29, 2005), the President authorized CITA to consult with beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries and to determine which, if any, particular textile and apparel goods shall be treated as being hand-loomed,

handmade, folklore articles, or ethnic printed fabrics. See 66 FR 7271, 7271-72 (January 22, 2001); 70 FR 37959, 37961 & 63 (June 30, 2005).

In a letter to the Commissioner of Customs dated January 18, 2001, the United States Trade Representative directed Customs to require that importers provide an appropriate export visa from a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country to obtain preferential treatment under section 112(a) of the AGOA. See 66 FR 7837 (January 25, 2001). The first digit of the visa number corresponds to one of nine groupings of textile and apparel products that are eligible for preferential tariff treatment. Grouping "9" is reserved for handmade, handloomed, folklore articles, or ethnic printed fabrics.

CITA has consulted with Malian authorities and has previously determined that handloomed fabrics, handloomed articles (e.g., handloomed rugs, scarves, place mats, and tablecloths), handmade articles made from handloomed fabrics, and certain folklore articles and ethnic printed fabrics are eligible for preferential treatment. See 71 FR 78408 (December 29, 2006). This directive expands Mali's existing Category 9 treatment to include certain additional folklore articles described in Annex A to this notice, if produced in and exported from Mali. These goods are eligible for preferential tariff treatment under section 112(a) of the AGOA, as amended. In the letter published below, CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection to allow duty-free entry of such products under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule subheading 9819.11.27 if accompanied by an appropriate AGOA visa in grouping "9".

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 13, 2007.

Commissioner of Customs,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: The Committee for the Implementation of Textiles Agreements ("CITA"), pursuant to Sections 112(a) and (b)(6) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-200) ("AGOA"), as amended by Section 7(c) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-274) ("AGOA Acceleration Act") (19 U.S.C. §§ 3721(a) and (b)(6)), Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001, and Presidential Proclamation 7912 of June 29, 2005, has determined, effective on August 27, 2007, that certain folklore products described in Annex A are eligible for duty-free treatment

only if entered under subheading 9819.11.27 and accompanied by a properly completed visa for product grouping "9", in accordance with the provisions of the Visa Arrangement between the Government of Mali and the Government of the United States Concerning Textile and Apparel Articles Claiming Preferential Tariff Treatment under Section 112 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000. After further consultations with Malian authorities, CITA may determine that additional textile and apparel goods shall be treated as folklore articles.

Sincerely,
R. Matthew Priest,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

ANNEX A: Malian Folklore Products

CITA has determined that the following textile and apparel goods shall be treated as folklore articles for purposes of the AGOA if made in Mali. Articles must be ornamented in characteristic Malian or regional folk style. An article may not include modern features such as zippers, elastic, elasticized fabrics, snaps, or hook-and-pile fasteners (such as Velcro © or similar holding fabric). An article may not incorporate patterns that are not traditional or historical to Mali, such as airplanes, buses, cowboys, or cartoon characters and may not incorporate designs referencing holidays or festivals not common to traditional Malian culture, such as Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Eligible folklore articles:

(a) Bogolan (Mudcloth) Bags: This bag is constructed of several narrow strips of 100% heavy cotton hand-woven fabric, hand or machine sewn together, dyed and painted in geometric shapes using natural dyes. The Bogolan bags may or may not have an interior lining which is generally made of machine-made fabric. Handles attached to the top of the bag are also made of the handwoven mudcloth fabric. Dimensions vary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Sunshine Act; Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102-3.140 through 160, the Department of Defense announces the following committee meeting:

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of

Military Health Care, a duly established subcommittee of the Defense Health Board.

DATE OF MEETING: September 5, 2007.

TIME OF MEETING: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: National Transportation Safety Board Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC 20594.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To obtain, review, and evaluate information related to the Task force's congressionally directed mission to examine matters relating to the future of military health care. The Task Force members will receive briefings on topics related to the delivery of military health care during the public meeting.

AGENDA: Discussion topic will be Command and Control of the Military Health Care System.

Prior to the public meeting the Task Force will conduct a Preparatory Work Meeting from 8 a.m.–8:50 a.m. to solely analyze relevant issues and facts in preparation for the Task Force's next public meeting. In addition, the Task Force, following its public meeting, will conduct an additional Preparatory Work Meeting from 3:10 p.m. to 4 p.m. to analyze relevant issues and facts in preparation for the Task Force's next public meeting. Both Preparatory Meetings will be held at the National Transportation Safety Board Conference Center, and pursuant to 41 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 102–3.160(a). Both Preparatory Work Meetings are closed to the public.

Additional information and meeting registration is available online at the Task Force Web site: www.DoDfuturehealthcare.net.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Christine Bader, Executive Secretary, Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care, TMA/Code: DHS, Five Skyline Place, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041–3206, (703) 681–3279, ext. 109 (christine.bader@ha.osd.mil).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend; however, seating is limited to the space available at the National Transportation Safety Board Conference Center. Individuals or organizations wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Task Force should provide their comments in an electronic (PDF Format) document through the Task Force Web site (<http://DoDfuturehealthcare.net>) at the "Contact Us" page, no later than five (5)

business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Dated: August 13, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Sunshine Act Meeting of the Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b, as amended) the Department of Defense announces the following Federal Advisory Committee Meeting:

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel (hereafter referred to as the Panel).

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

LOCATION: Naval Heritage Center Theater, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The Panel will review and comment on recommendations made to the Director, TRICARE Management Activity, by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee regarding the Uniform Formulary.

MEETING AGENDA: Sign-In; Welcome and Opening Remarks; Opportunity for Public Citizen Comments; Scheduled Therapeutic Class Review—(Leukotriene Modifying Agents (LMAs), Growth Stimulating Agents (GSAs), Second Generation (newer) Antihistamines (SGAs) and Designated newly Approved Drugs; Panel discussions, vote, and comments following each therapeutic class review.

MEETING ACCESSIBILITY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be provided only to the first 220 people signing in. All persons must sign in legibly.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may

submit written statements to the membership of the Panel at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the Panel's Designated Federal Officer. The Designated Federal Officer's contact information can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

Written statements that do not pertain to the scheduled meeting of the Panel may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. The Designated Federal Officer will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: In addition to written statements, the Panel will set aside one (1) hour for individual or interested groups to address the Panel. To ensure consideration of their comments, individuals and interested groups should submit written statements as outlined in this notice. Additionally, they will be afforded the opportunity to address the Panel. Registration for addressing the Panel in on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those wishing to address the Panel will be given no more than five (5) minutes to present their comments, and at the end of the one (1) hour time period no further public comments will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Travis Watson, Designated Federal Officer, Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel, Skyline 5, Suite 810–5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041–3206, Telephone: (703) 681–2890—Fax: (703) 681–1940, E-mail Address: baprequests@tma.osd.mil.

Dated: August 13, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Privacy Act of 1974; Systems of Records

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DOD.

ACTION: Notice to add a system of records.