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).

On May 31, 1995, under the terms of Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended, the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of Guatemala with respect to cotton and man-made fiber skirts in Categories 342/642, produced or manufactured in Guatemala.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Guatemala, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements may later establish a limit for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of textile products in Categories 342/642, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported during the twelve-month period which began on May 31, 1995 and extends through May 30, 1996, at a level of not less than 319,417 dozen.

A statement of serious damage concerning Categories 342/642 follows this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of Categories 342/642, or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in Categories 342/642, is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Rita D. Hayes, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L. LeGrande. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Guatemala.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the agreement or the implementation thereof is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating

to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning Categories 342/642. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Guatemala, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994). **Rita D. Hayes**,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Statement of Serious Damage—Guatemala Cotton and Manmade Fiber Skirts Category 342/642

May 1995

Import Situation and Conclusion

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade fiber skirts, Category 342/642, from Guatemala reached 319,417 dozen in the year ending February 1995, 22 percent above the 262,414 dozen imported in same period a year earlier. Imports from Guatemala were 4.0 percent of total U.S. imports of Category 342/642 in the year ending February 1995, and were equivalent to 4.8 percent of U.S. production of Category 342/642 in calendar year 1994.

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade fiber skirts from Guatemala in Category 342/642 during 1994 entered the U.S. at an average landed duty-paid value of \$71.16 per dozen, 53 percent below U.S. producers' average price for cotton and manmade fiber skirts.

The sharp and substantial increase of low valued Category 342/642 imports from Guatemala is causing serious damage to the U.S. domestic industry producing cotton and manmade fiber skirts.

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

U.S. production of cotton and manmade fiber skirts, Category 342/642, declined from 8,117,000 dozen in 1992 to 6,606,000 dozen in 1994, a decline of 19 percent. In contrast imports of Category 342/642 surged from 6,884,000 dozen in 1992 to 7,661,000 dozen in 1994, an 11 percent increase. Category 342/642 imports continue to increase, reaching 7,908,000 dozen in the year ending February 1995.

The ratio of imports to domestic production increased from 85 percent in 1992 to 116 percent in 1994. The share of this market held by domestic manufacturers fell from 54 percent in 1992 to 46 percent in 1994, a decline of eight percentage points.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and Applicable Form: Chemical Weapons Exposure; DD Form 2733.

Type of Request: Expedited Processing—Approval date requested: 30 days following publication in the Federal Register.

Number of Respondents: 300. Responses per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 300. Average Burden per Response: 45 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 225. Needs and Uses: This information collection provides data needed to identify records which may support veterans' claims of participation in chemical weapons tests or exposure prior to 1968.

Respondents are veterans, families of veterans, and former civilian employees of the U.S. Government who allege involvement in testing or exposure. The data will be used to obtain information for possible submission to the Department of Veterans Affairs to substantiate compensation claims, and to provide treatment; to locate individuals eligible for receipt of DoD commendation; and in some cases to locate names of additional individuals for possible compensation, commendation, and treatment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time. Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary. OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should