

States for which the Government of the Slovak Republic has not issued an appropriate export visa.

A facsimile of the export visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3100.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996).

Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products that are entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner of Customs.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 5, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs, *Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the Export Visa Arrangement, effected by exchange of notes dated November 18, 1996 and January 31, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the Slovak Republic; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on April 1, 1997, entry into the Customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in Categories 410, 433, 435 and 443, produced or manufactured in Slovakia and exported on and after April 1, 1997 for which the Government of the Slovak Republic has not issued an appropriate export visa fully described below. Should merged categories or part categories become subject to import quota the merged or part categories shall be automatically included in the coverage of this arrangement. Merchandise in the merged or part category(s) exported on or after the date the merged or part category(s) becomes subject to import quotas shall require a visa. Goods exported during the period April 1, 1997 through April 30, 1997 shall not be denied entry for lack of an export visa.

A visa must accompany each commercial shipment of the aforementioned textile products. A circular stamped marking in blue ink will appear on the front of the original commercial invoice or successor document. The original visa shall not be stamped on

duplicate copies of the invoice. The original invoice with the original visa stamp will be required to enter the shipment into the United States. Duplicates of the invoice and/or visa may not be used for this purpose.

Each visa stamp shall include the following information:

1. The visa number. The visa number shall be in the standard nine digit letter format, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (the code for Slovakia is "SK"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 7SK123456.

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month and year on which the visa was issued.

3. The original signature of the issuing official and the printed name of the issuing official of the Government of the Slovak Republic.

4. The correct category(s), merged category(s), part category(s), and unit(s) of quantity in the shipment as set forth in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, annotated or successor documents shall be reported in the spaces provided within the visa stamp (e.g., "Cat. 340-510 DOZ").

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted. Merged category quota merchandise may be accompanied by either the appropriate merged category visa or the correct category visa corresponding to the actual shipment (e.g., Categories 347/348 may be visaed as 347/348 or if the shipment consists solely of 347 merchandise, the shipment may be visaed as "Cat. 347," but not as "Cat. 348."). If, however, a merged quota category such as 340/640 has a quota sublimit on Category 340, then there must be a "Category 340" visa for the shipment if it includes Category 340 merchandise.

U.S. Customs shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a visa, or if the visa number, date of issuance, signature, printed name of the signer, category, quantity or units of quantity are missing, incorrect or illegible, or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the visa is less than that of the shipment, entry shall not be permitted. If the quantity indicated on the visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted and only the amount entered shall be charged to any applicable quota.

The complete name and address of a company actually involved in the manufacturing process of the textile product covered by the visa shall be provided on the textile visa document.

If the visa is not acceptable then a new correct visa or a visa waiver must be presented to the U.S. Customs Service before any portion of the shipment will be released. A visa waiver may be issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the request of the Embassy in Washington for the Government of Slovakia. The waiver, if used, only waives the requirement to present a visa with the shipment. It does not waive the

quota requirements. Visa waivers will only be issued for classification purposes or for one time special purpose shipments that are not part of an ongoing commercial enterprise.

If the visaed invoice is deficient, the U.S. Customs Service will not return the original document after entry, but will provide a certified copy of that visaed invoice for use in obtaining a new correct original visaed invoice, or a visa waiver.

If import quotas are in force, U.S. Customs Service shall charge only the actual quantity in the shipment to the correct category limit. If a shipment from Slovakia has been allowed entry into the commerce of the United States with either an incorrect visa or no visa, and redelivery is requested but cannot be made, the shipment will be charged to the correct category limit whether or not a replacement visa or waiver is provided.

Merchandise imported for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, and properly marked commercial sample shipments valued at U.S.\$250 or less do not require an export visa for entry and shall not be charged to agreement levels, if applicable.

A facsimile of the visa stamp is enclosed.

The actions taken concerning the Government of the Slovak Republic with respect to imports of textiles and textile products in the foregoing categories have been determined by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to involve foreign affairs functions of the United States. Therefore, these directions to the Commissioner of Customs, which are necessary for the implementation of such actions, fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1). This letter will be published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

March 4, 1997.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3508(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the

desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Corporation for National and Community Service is soliciting comments concerning the forms and instructions to be included in its proposed applications entitled: The 1998 Application Guidelines for Learn and Serve America: Higher Education; The 1998 Application Guidelines for School- and Community-Based Programs; and the 1998 Application Guidelines for AmeriCorps National, State and Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories. Copies of the information collection requests (forms and instructions) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section on or before May 15, 1997.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is particularly interested in comments which:

Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Margaret Rosenberry, Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Gale, (202) 606-5000, ext. 188.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I

I. Background

The 1998 Application Guidelines for Learn and Serve America, Higher Education provide the background, requirements and instructions that potential applicants need to apply to the

Corporation for grants to operate Learn and Serve America service-learning programs for college-age youth.

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks public comment on the forms, the instructions for the forms, and the instructions for the narrative portions of these application guidelines.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: The 1998 Application Guidelines for Learn and Serve America, Higher Education.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Eligible applicants to the Corporation for grant funds.

Total Respondents: 400.

Frequency: Once per year.

Average Time Per Response: six (6) hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2400 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Part II

I. Background

The 1998 Application Guidelines for School- and Community-Based Programs provide the background, requirements and instructions that potential applicants need to apply to the Corporation for grants to operate Learn and Serve America service-learning programs for school-age youth.

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks public comment on the forms, the instructions for the forms, and the instructions for the narrative portions of these application guidelines.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: The 1998 Application Guidelines for School- and Community Based Programs.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Potential applicants to the Corporation for grant funds.

Total Respondents: 225.

Frequency: Once per year.

Average Time Per Response: Ten (10) hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2250 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Part III

I. Background

The 1998 Application Guidelines for AmeriCorps National, State, Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories provide the background, requirements and instructions that potential applicants need to complete an application to the Corporation for funds to operate AmeriCorps programs.

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks public comment on the forms, the instructions for the forms, and the instructions for the narrative portions of these application guidelines.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: The 1998 Application Guidelines for AmeriCorps National, State and Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Eligible applications to the Corporation for funding.

Total Respondents: 2000.

Frequency: Once per year.

Average Time Per Response: Ten (10) hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 20,000.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Magaret Rosenberry,

Planning and Program Development Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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 Associated Form: Pentagon Reservation Parking Permit Application,