

provided they are cut in the United States and are of a type described below:

(1) A chest type plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or self-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(2) A weft-inserted warp knit fabric which contains and exhibits properties of elasticity and resilience which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

(3) A woven fabric which contains and exhibits properties of resiliency which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 20, 1998.

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 September 15, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings under the Special Access Program.

Effective on March 23, 1998, by date of export, you are directed to extend, for the six-month period March 23, 1998 through September 22, 1998, the amendment to treat non-U.S. formed, U.S.-cut interlinings, further described below, for men's and boys' wool and man-made fiber suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643 as qualifying for the exception for findings and trimmings, including elastic strips less than one inch in width, created under the Special Access Program established effective September 1, 1986 (see 51 FR 21208). In the aggregate, such interlinings, findings and trimmings must not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the components of the assembled article.

The amendment implemented by this directive shall be of a temporary nature. The amendment will terminate on September 22, 1998, by date of export.

As described above, non-U.S. formed, U.S.-cut interlinings may be used in imports of men's or boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015) provided they are cut in the United States and of a type described below:

(1) A chest plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or weft-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-

made filaments used in the manufacture of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(2) A weft-inserted warp knit fabric which contains and exhibits properties of elasticity and resilience which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

(3) A woven fabric which contains and exhibits properties of resiliency which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of 20 Department of Defense Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that the following 20 DoD advisory committees have been determined to be in the public interest and have been renewed:

- A. Air University Board of Visitors
- B. Community College of the Air Force Board of Visitors
- C. U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board
- D. Armed Forces Epidemiological Board
- E. Army Science Board
- F. Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board
- G. Scientific Advisory Board of the Armed Force Institute of Pathology
- H. Army Education Advisory Committee
- I. Board of Advisors to the President, Naval War College
- J. Board of Advisors to the Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School
- K. Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel Advisory Committee
- L. Naval Research Advisory Committee
- M. Advisory Group on Electron Devices
- N. Board of Visitors, National Defense University
- O. Defense Science Board

- P. Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing
- Q. Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services
- R. DoD Wage Committee
- S. Strategic Advisory Group for the U.S. Strategic Command
- T. National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board

These committees provide necessary and valuable advice to the Secretary of Defense and other senior officials in the DoD in their respective areas of expertise. They make important contributions to DoD efforts in research and development, education and training, and various technical program areas.

It is a continuing DoD policy to make every effort to achieve a balanced membership in DoD advisory committees. Each committee is evaluated in terms of the functional disciplines, levels of experience, professional diversity, public and private association, and similar characteristics required to ensure that a high degree of balance is obtained.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Jennifer Spaeth, 703-695-4281.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Spring 1998 Conference Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a), Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming semi-annual conference of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Spring 1998 DACOWITS Conference is to assist the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to women in the Services. Conference sessions will be held daily and will be open to the public, unless otherwise noted below.

DATES: April 22-26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 22091; telephone: (703) 620-9000 or 1-(800) 392-7666.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Sandy Lewis, ARNG, or GySgt Brenad L. Warren, USMC, DACOWITS and Military Women Matters, OASD (Force Management Policy), 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D769, Washington, DC 20301-4000; telephone (703) 697-2122 or E-Mail: warrenb@pr.osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following rules will govern the participation by members of the public at the conference:

(1) Members of the public will not be permitted to attend the OSD Luncheon, OSD Reception and Dinner and Conference Field Trip.

(2) The Opening Session, General Session, all Subcommittee Sessions, Tri-Committee Review, Final Review and the Voting Session will be open to the public.

(3) Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and/or make an oral presentation of such during the conference.

(4) Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed above no later than April 10, 1998.

(5) Length and number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

(6) Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Sunday, April 26, 1998, before the full Committee.

(7) Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the DACOWITS office with one (1) copy of the presentation by April 10, 1998 and bring 175 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the conference.

(8) Persons submitting a written statement for inclusion in the minutes of the conference must submit to the DACOWITS staff one (1) copy of the statement by the close of the conference on Sunday, April 26, 1998.

(9) Other new items from members of the public may be presented in writing to any DACOWITS member for transmittal to the DACOWITS Chair or Military Director, DACOWITS and Military Women Matters, for consideration.

(10) Members of the public will not be permitted to enter oral discussions conducted by the Committee members at any of the sessions; however, they will be permitted to reply to questions directed to them by the members of the Committee.

(11) After the official participants have asked questions and/or made

comments to the scheduled speakers, members of the public will be permitted to ask questions if recognized by the Chair and if time allows.

(12) Non-social agenda events that are not open to the public are for administrative matters unrelated to substantive advice provided to the Department of Defense and do not involve DACOWITS deliberations or decision-making issues before the Committee. Conference sessions will be conducted according to the following agenda:

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Conference Registration

Military Representatives Meeting
(Senior Military Representatives Only)

Executive Committee Rules and
Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS
Members Only)

Thursday, April 23, 1998

Opening Session and General Session
(Open to Public)

Luncheon (Paid Registered Conference
Participants Only)

Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)

Friday, April 24, 1998

Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)

OSD Luncheon (Invited Guests Only)

Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)

Executive Committee Rules and
Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS
Members Only)

OSD Reception and Diner (Invited
Guests Only)

Saturday, April 25, 1998

Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)

Tri-Committee Review (Open to Public)

Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)

Field Trip (DACOWITS Members and
Senior Military Representatives Only)

Executive Committee Rules and
Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS
Members Only)

Sunday, April 26, 1998

Final Review (Open to Public)

Voting Session (Open to Public)

Dated: March 17, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Pilot Testing of Neutralization/Biotreatment of Mustard Agent at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which assesses the potential environmental impacts of the design, construction, systemization and operation of a facility to pilot test the neutralization/biotreatment process of mustard agent using water at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Maryland. The proposed facility will be used to demonstrate, as part of a research and development program, the feasibility of adopting the neutralization process using water, followed by biotreatment, to destroy mustard agent currently stored in two containers at APG.

The alternatives considered in this DEIS are no action (i.e., continued storage of mustard agent at APG) and locating the pilot facility at one of two potential sites within APG. Although the no action alternative is not viable under Public Law 99-145, the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 1986, it was analyzed to provide a comparison with the proposed action. In addition, the no action alternative is considered to be deferral of research and development of the neutralization process as an alternative technology.

DATES: The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NAO in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Public comments received on the DEIS will be considered and addressed in the final EIS and considered by the Army in its Record of Decision.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the DEIS, contact Ms. Nancy Hoffman at Edgewood Community Outreach Office at (410) 676-6800 or write to: Woodbridge Station, 1011 Woodbridge Center Way, Edgewood, Maryland 21040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN: SFAE-CD-P (Ms. Catherine Herlinger), Building E4585, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5401; telephone: (800) 488-0648 or (410) 671-1479; e-mail: cherling@cdra.apgea.army.mil.