

the preferential treatment proclaimed by the President under the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act. Presidential Proclamation 7616 made that preferential treatment effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, as of the date of signature, October 31, 2002, and these regulations are needed in order for importers to know how to file their claims for preferential treatment. For the same reasons, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1) and (3), Customs finds that there is good cause for dispensing with a delayed effective date. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for interim regulations, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) do not apply.

Executive Order 12866

This document does not meet the criteria for a "significant regulatory action" as specified in E.O. 12866.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This regulation is being issued without prior notice and public procedure pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). For this reason, the collection of information contained in this regulation has been reviewed and, pending receipt and evaluation of public comments, approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507) under control number 1515-0219.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid control number.

The collection of information in these interim regulations is in §§ 10.244, 10.245, 10.246, 10.248, 10.254, 10.255, and 10.256. This information conforms to requirements in 19 U.S.C. 3203 and is used by Customs to determine whether textile and apparel articles and other products imported from designated beneficiary countries are entitled to preferential treatment under the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act. The likely respondents are business organizations including importers, exporters, and manufacturers.

Estimated annual reporting and/or recordkeeping burden: 8,000 hours.

Estimated average annual burden per respondent/recordkeeper: 4 hours.

Estimated number of respondents and/or recordkeepers: 2,000.

Estimated annual frequency of responses: 24.

Comments on the collection of information should be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer of the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. A copy should also be sent to the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229. Comments should be submitted within the time frame that comments are due regarding the substance of the interim regulations.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects

19 CFR Part 10

Andean Trade Preference, Assembly, Bonds, Customs duties and inspection, Exports, Imports, Preference programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Trade agreements.

19 CFR Part 163

Administrative practice and procedure, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Amendments to the Regulations

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, Parts 10 and 163, Customs Regulations (19 CFR Parts 10 and 163), are amended as set forth below.

PART 10—ARTICLES CONDITIONALLY FREE, SUBJECT TO A REDUCED RATE, ETC.

1. The general authority citation for Part 10 continues to read, the specific authority citation for §§ 10.201 through 10.207 is revised to read, and a new

specific authority citation for §§ 10.241 through 10.248 and §§ 10.251 through 10.257 is added to read, as follows:

Authority: 19 U.S.C. 66, 1202 (General Note 23, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)), 1321, 1481, 1484, 1498, 1508, 1623, 1624, 3314;

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Sections 10.201 through 10.207 also issued under 19 U.S.C. 3203;

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Sections 10.241 through 10.248 and §§ 10.251 through 10.257 also issued under 19 U.S.C. 3203.

2. Section 10.201 is revised to read as follows:

§ 10.201 Applicability.

Title II of Pub. L. 102-182 (105 Stat. 1233), entitled the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) and codified at 19 U.S.C. 3201 through 3206, authorizes the President to proclaim duty-free treatment for all eligible articles from any beneficiary country and to designate countries as beneficiary countries. The provisions of §§ 10.202 through 10.207 set forth the legal requirements and procedures that apply for purposes of obtaining that duty-free treatment for certain articles from a beneficiary country which are identified for purposes of that treatment in General Note 11, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), and in the "Special" rate of duty column of the HTSUS. Provisions regarding preferential treatment of apparel and other textile articles under the ATPA are contained in §§ 10.241 through 10.248, and provisions regarding preferential treatment of tuna and certain other non-textile articles under the ATPA are contained in §§ 10.251 through 10.257.

3. In § 10.202, the introductory text is amended by removing the reference "10.208" and adding, in its place, the reference "10.207", and paragraph (b) is amended by removing paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(8) and adding, in their place, new paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4) to read as follows:

§ 10.202 Definitions.

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(b) * * *

(1) Textiles and apparel articles which were not eligible articles for purposes of the ATPA on January 1, 1994, as the ATPA was in effect on that date, except as otherwise provided in §§ 10.241 through 10.248;

(2) Rum and tafia classified in subheading 2208.40, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States;

(3) Sugars, syrups, and sugar-containing products subject to over-quota duty rates under applicable tariff-rate quotas; or