

guidelines including the next meeting date.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Catron County Courtroom of the Catron County Court House, 101 Main Street, Reserve, New Mexico 87830. A period of time will be allocated in the morning and afternoon for the committee to hear public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Gardner, Rural Community Assistant Staff, Gila National Forest, (505) 388-8212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Pub. L. 106-393 related matters to the attention of the Committee will have the opportunity at this meeting. Public input sessions will be provided on the agenda.

Dated: April 10, 2003.

Marcia R. Andre,

Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 030401077-3077-01]

Notice of Intent to Create an Infrared Spectroscopy Library

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology announces its intent to create a new Infrared Spectroscopic Library. The initial version of the new library will contain between 20,000 and 50,000 spectra from approximately the same number of chemical compounds. The initial version of the library will only be available as images of the original spectra. Interested parties are invited to submit comments to the address below.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the attention of Dr. W. Gary Mallard at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8380, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8380.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. W. Gary Mallard by writing to the above address or by e-mail at gary.mallard@nist.gov or by telephone at (301) 975-2444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its responsibilities under Title 15 U.S.C. 290 to collect, evaluate and publish high quality Standard Reference Data (SRD), NIST creates and maintains evaluated SRD databases. From time to time exceptional collections from non-governmental sources become available for distribution. One such source of infrared spectral data has become available. The data has been collected over a long period of time by an industrial laboratory, primarily in the condensed phase with a variety of instruments. The industrial laboratory plans to donate the data to NIST. It is the intent of NIST to create digitized images (TIFF or PDF) files of each of these spectra and index them in terms of their chemical identity and structure. The resulting data will be made available over the NIST WebBook (<http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry>) for general use.

Infrared (IR) spectral data is used to identify unknown compounds. The location of the features of the IR data are characteristic of specific functional groups of the molecule. Large collections of IR data with many different structural features aid in the classification of the compound even if an identification cannot be made from the data.

We invite comments concerning this update.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Determination under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

April 10, 2003.

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

ACTION: Determination.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that handloomed fabric and handmade articles made from such handloomed fabric that are produced in and exported from Namibia qualify for preferential treatment under

Section 112(a) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act. Therefore, imports of eligible products from Namibia with an appropriate AGOA Visa will qualify for duty-free treatment under the AGOA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Flaaten, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-200)(AGOA) provides preferential tariff treatment for imports of certain textile and apparel products of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. 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 (66 FR 7837). The first digit of the visa number corresponds to one of 9 groupings of textile and apparel products that are eligible for preferential tariff treatment. Grouping "9" is reserved for handmade, handloomed, or folklore articles.

In Section 2 of Executive Order 13191 of January 17, 2001, CITA is authorized to "consult with beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries and to determine which, if any, particular textile and apparel goods shall be treated as being handloomed, handmade, or folklore articles" (66 FR 7272). Consultations were held on March 26, 2003 and CITA has now determined that handloomed fabrics and handmade articles made from such handloomed fabrics produced in and exported from Namibia are eligible for preferential tariff treatment under section 112(a) of the AGOA. In the letter published below, CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection to allow entry of such qualifying products from Namibia under Harmonized Tariff Schedule provision 9819.11.27, when accompanied by an appropriate export visa in grouping "9".

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 10, 2003.

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