

directed to deny entry of Italian large-scale driftnet vessels to U.S. ports and navigable waters. In addition, pursuant to the Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act (DPCIA), the importation of certain fish and fish products into the United States from Italy is prohibited, unless Italy certifies that such fish and fish products were not caught with large-scale driftnets anywhere on the high seas. This action furthers the U.S. policy to support a United Nations moratorium on high seas driftnet fishing, in part because of the harmful effects that such driftnets have on marine mammals, including dolphins.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Effective March 28, 1996, except for the documentation requirements of the DPCIA, which take effect on May 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda L. Cain, Fishery Biologist; telephone: 301-713-2055, or fax: 301-713-0376; or Paul Niemeier, Foreign Affairs Specialist; telephone: 301-713-2276, or fax: 301-713-2313.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The HSDFEA furthers the purposes of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/215, which called for a worldwide ban on large-scale high seas driftnet fishing beginning December 31, 1992. On March 18, 1996, the U.S. Court of International Trade ordered the Secretary of Commerce to identify Italy as a country for which there is reason to believe its nationals or vessels conduct large scale driftnet fishing beyond the exclusive economic zone of any nation, pursuant to the HSDFEA (16 U.S.C. 1826a). On March 28, 1996, the Secretary notified the President that he had identified Italy as such a country. Italian officials were notified by the Department of State on March 29, 1996.

Pursuant to the HSDFEA, a chain of actions is triggered once the Secretary of Commerce notifies Italy that it has been identified as a large-scale high seas driftnet nation. If the consultations with Italy, described in the Summary, are not satisfactorily concluded within 90 days, the President must direct the Secretary of the Treasury to prohibit the importation into the United States of fish, fish products, and sport fishing equipment from Italy. The Secretary of the Treasury is required to implement such prohibitions within 45 days of the President's direction.

If the above sanctions are insufficient to persuade Italy to cease large-scale high seas driftnet fishing within 6 months, or Italy retaliates against the United States during that time as a result of the sanctions, the Secretary of Commerce is required to certify this fact

to the President. Such a certification is deemed to be a certification under section 8(a) of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 (22 U.S.C. 1978(a), also known as the Pelly Amendment). This authorizes the President to restrict imports of "any products from the offending country for any duration" to achieve compliance with the driftnet moratorium, so long as such action is consistent with U.S. obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The DPCIA (16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(2)(E)) requires that an exporting nation whose fishing vessels engage in high seas driftnet fishing provide documentary evidence that certain fish or fish products it wishes to export to the United States were not harvested with a large-scale driftnet on the high seas. Importers are hereby notified that, effective May 29, 1996, all shipments from Italy containing fish and fish products specified in regulations at 50 CFR 216.24(e)(2) are subject to the importation requirements of the DPCIA. This delayed-effectiveness period allows shipments already in transit on March 28, 1996, to clear Customs, and allows adequate time for the appropriate forms to be made available to Italian exporters. These forms include NOAA Form 370, Fisheries Certificate of Origin, required by 50 CFR 216.24(e)(2). The Fisheries Certificate of Origin must accompany all imported shipments of an item with a Harmonized Tariff Schedule number for fish harvested by or imported from a large-scale driftnet nation. As part of those requirements, an official of the Government of Italy must certify that any such import does not contain fish harvested with large-scale driftnets anywhere on the high seas.

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, this collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0648-0040. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to, a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

Gary Matlock,

Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Cancellation of a Limit on Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

April 23, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs cancelling a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The United States Government has decided to rescind the restraint on imports of women's and girls' wool coats in Category 435 from India established on April 18, 1996, pursuant to Article 6.10 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to cancel the limit established for Category 435 for the period April 18, 1996 through April 17, 1997.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 20, 1995). Also see 61 FR 16760, published on April 17, 1996.

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 23, 1996.

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 April 11, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the period which began

on April 18, 1996 and extends through April 17, 1997.

Effective on April 24, 1996, you are directed to cancel the limit established for Category 435 for the period April 18, 1996 through April 17, 1997.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to 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

Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Naval Health Research Center announces the collection of information for research on the health of Gulf War veterans and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (c) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents; including the use of automated data collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received BY June 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Commander, Naval Health Research Center, Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and the associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Commander Greg Gray, M.C., U.S.N. at (619) 553-9967.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Epidemiological Studies of

Morbidity Among Gulf War Veterans: A Search for Etiologic Agents and Risk Factors-Seabee Health Study (Study #5), Seabee Health Study Questionnaire, OMB Number 0720-(To be added).

Needs and Uses: This information is necessary to provide the DOD with information to evaluate whether Gulf War veterans have greater frequency of symptoms and illnesses than other veterans of the Gulf War era. Information from this study may assist the DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs in defining unexplained symptomatology.

Affected Public: Current and former members of US Navy Seabee Battalions.
Annual Burden Hours: 10,000.
Number of Respondents: 10,000.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.
Frequency: Phase I: 98% of the study respondents will fill out the questionnaire once in 1996 (Phase I) and once in 2001, 2006, and 2011 (Phase II). Two percent of the study respondents will be re-surveyed in 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are current and former members of US Navy Seabee Battalions. This form will be used to provide the Department of the Navy with information on the prevalence of symptoms and illnesses, and exposures associated with military service in the Gulf War.

Dated: April 24, 1996.
Patricia L. Toppings,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
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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: Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS): 1996 Impact Aid Funding Surveys.

Type of Request: New collection.
Number of Respondents: 127.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 127.

Average Burden per Response: 34 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 71.

Needs and Uses: Historically, the Federal Government has recognized its responsibility to compensate communities for the education of family members who reside on Federal installations. Funding declines in the Federal Impact Aid Program have led Congress to request data to determine the effect of the military presence on Local Education Agency (LEA) funding levels, as well as the appropriate Federal Government role in compensating LEAs for this effect.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal governments.

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 be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: April 23, 1996.
Patricia L. Toppings,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
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Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Information Warfare Defense

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Information Warfare Defense will meet in closed session on May 9-10, 1996 at Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will focus on protection of information interests of national importance through establishment and maintenance of a credible information