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Affected Public: Business and other for profit and non-profit entities in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Response: average 12 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 600.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$21,000—Respondents will not need to purchase equipment or materials to respond to this collection.

IV. Request for Comments

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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Offshore Fisheries Take Reduction Team Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Take Reduction Team (TRT) to address bycatch of Atlantic offshore cetaceans in the U.S. Atlantic large pelagics pair trawl fishery, the U.S. Atlantic longline fishery, and the U.S. Atlantic large pelagic drift gillnet fishery will hold its first meeting to

develop a Take Reduction Plan (TRP) as described in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) focusing on reducing bycatch in these fisheries.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 29–30, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The TRT meeting will be held at the Government Center Holiday Inn, Boston, MA 20010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Beach, (508) 281-9254, or Victoria Cornish, (301) 713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 30, 1994, the 1994 Amendments to the MMPA were signed into law. Section 117 of the MMPA requires that NMFS complete stock assessment reports for all marine mammal stocks within U.S. waters. Each stock assessment report is required to categorize the status of the stock as one that either has a level of human-caused mortality and serious injury that is not likely to cause the stock to be reduced below its optimum sustainable population; or is a strategic stock, with a description of the reasons therefore; and estimate the potential biological removal (PBR) level for the stock, describing the information used to calculate it, including the recovery factor. Stock Assessment Reports and the calculated PBR were published by NMFS in July 1995.

The MMPA defines a "strategic stock" as a marine mammal stock for which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds the PBR level; which, based on the best available scientific information, is declining and is likely to be listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) within the foreseeable future; which is listed as a threatened species or endangered species under the ESA, or is designated as depleted under the MMPA. The MMPA further defines the term "potential biological removal," or PBR, as "the maximum number of animals, not including natural mortalities, that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its optimum sustainable population."

The U.S. Atlantic large pelagics pair trawl fishery, the U.S. Atlantic longline fishery, and the U.S. Atlantic large pelagic drift gillnet fishery interact with several strategic marine mammal stocks including: Long-finned and short-finned pilot whales, common dolphins, Atlantic spotted dolphins, and the offshore stock of bottlenose dolphin. The U.S. Atlantic large pelagic drift gillnet fishery also interacts with three species of endangered large whales; the humpback whale, the northern right whale, and the sperm whale (supporting

documentation at 60 FR 67063, December 28, 1995).

These stocks are considered strategic under the MMPA because they are either listed as an endangered or threatened species under the ESA or because the level of human-caused mortality is greater than their PBR levels.

Section 118(f) of the MMPA requires NMFS to establish a TRT to prepare a draft TRP designed to assist in the recovery or prevent the depletion of each strategic marine mammal stock that interacts with certain fisheries. Section 118(f)(6)(C) requires that members of the TRTs have expertise regarding the conservation or biology of the marine mammal species that the TRP will address, or the fishing practices that result in the incidental mortality and serious injury of such species. The MMPA further specifies that members of the TRT shall include representatives of Federal agencies, each coastal state with fisheries that interact with the species or stock, appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, interstate fisheries commissions, academic and scientific organizations, environmental groups, all commercial and recreational fisheries groups and gear types which incidentally take the species or stock, Alaska Native organizations, or Indian tribal organizations, and others as deemed appropriate.

As a result of stock assessment reports developed under section 117 of the MMPA, and an extended interview process conducted by a NMFS-contracted facilitator, NMFS, through a letter dated April 15, 1996, has asked the following individuals to be a member of the TRT, which will focus on reducing bycatch of the strategic marine mammals stocks taken as bycatch in the U.S. Atlantic large pelagics pair trawl fishery, the U.S. Atlantic longline fishery, and the U.S. Atlantic large pelagic drift gillnet fishery:

Douglas Beach, National Marine Fisheries Service; Nelson Biederman, Blue Water Fishermen's Association; Joe DeAlteris, Rhode Island Sea Grant; Pete Dupuy, Ocean Pacific Seafood; Cliff Goudy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sea Grant; John Hoey, National Fisheries Institute; Thomas Hoff, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Gail Johnson, Maine Fishermen's Wives Association; Bob Kenney, University of Rhode Island; Fred Mattera, Northeast Atlantic Swordfish Netters Association; Hans Neuhauser, Georgia Land Trust; Ralph Owen, Great Circle Fisheries; Mark Phillips, F/V ILLUSION; Andrew Read, Duke University Marine Laboratory;

John Reimer, Offshore Resource Management Corporation; Sharon Young, Humane Society of the United States; Nina Young, Center for Marine Conservation; April Valliere, Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife; and Billy Gell, Northeast Atlantic Swordfish Netters Association. Other individuals from NMFS, state and Federal agencies may be present as observers or for their scientific expertise. The TRT will be facilitated by Susan Podziba and Associates, Brookline, MA.

NMFS fully intends to convene a TRT process in a way that provides for national consistency yet accommodates the unique regional needs and characteristics of any one team. TRTs are not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.). Meetings are open to the public.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1387.

Dated: May 17, 1996.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

May 17, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, 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).

Effective on June 1, 1996, for goods produced or manufactured in Pakistan and exported from Pakistan on and after June 1, 1996, part-category visas will be required for Categories 666-P, 666-S and 666-O. During the period June 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996, textile products in Category 666 may be visaed

as Category 666 or the correct part category. Goods in Category 666 exported on and after July 1, 1996 shall be denied entry if not visaed as 666-P, 666-S or 666-O.

See 48 FR 25257, published on June 6, 1983; and 52 FR 21611, published on June 8, 1987.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 17, 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 May 27, 1983, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Pakistan which were not properly visaed by the Government of Pakistan.

Effective on June 1, 1996, goods produced or manufactured in Pakistan and exported from Pakistan on and after June 1, 1996, in Category 666 shall require a 666-P,¹ 666-S² and 666-O³ visa. During the period June 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996, you are directed to accept shipments visaed as 666, 666-P, 666-S and 666-O. Goods in Category 666 exported on and after July 1, 1996 shall be denied entry if not visaed as part-Categories 666-P, 666-S or 666-O.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

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).

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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¹ Category 666-P: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1010, 6302.22.1020, 6302.22.2010, 6302.32.1010, 6302.32.1020, 6302.32.2010 and 6302.32.2020.

² Category 666-S: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1030, 6302.22.1040, 6302.22.2020, 6302.32.1030, 6302.32.1040, 6302.32.2030 and 6302.32.2040.

³ Category 666-O: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1010, 6302.22.1020, 6302.22.2010, 6302.32.1010, 6302.32.1020, 6302.32.2010 and 6302.32.2020 (Category 666-P); 6302.22.1030, 6302.22.1040, 6302.22.2020, 6302.32.1030, 6302.32.1040, 6302.32.2030 and 6302.32.2040 (Category 666-S).

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the New York Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market in Alberta Natural Gas Futures and Option Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in futures and futures options on Alberta natural gas. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Reference should be made to the NYMEX Alberta natural gas contract futures and option contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Joseph Storer of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, Washington, DC, 20581, telephone 202-418-5282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5097.

Other materials submitted by the NYMEX in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to