

impacts of the permanent removal of four sub-adults from this population/stock.

Additionally, NMFS is concerned that holding this species in captivity may involve a significant risk to the health and welfare of the animals held.

Historically, study results conclude that due to a number of factors this species has fared poorly in captivity in the United States, with an average longevity of 32.6 months for the 35 animals for which data was available. (See *Inia geoffensis in Captivity in the United States*, Melba C. Caldwell, David K. Caldwell and Randall L. Brill. 1989. Proc. Workshop on Biology and Conservation of the Platanistoid Dolphins, Wuhan, People's Republic of China. The World Conservation Union (IUCN), Occasional Papers of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, Number 3. 35-41.) The applicant has addressed, in part, some of the survivability factors raised in the Caldwell study, citing successful behavioral experiences with this species at the J.V. Seijas Aquarium in Valencia, Venezuela. The applicant submitted additional information on August 4, 1997, to address the concerns cited above; however, several aspects of these concerns persist. As a result, before decision is made to issue or deny issuance of a permit, NMFS is soliciting information that will assist the agency in determining whether: (1) The applicant meets the three public display criteria; (2) the proposed activity is humane and does not present any unnecessary risks to the health and welfare of the marine mammals; (3) the proposed activity by itself or in combination with other activities, will not likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock; and (4) the applicant's expertise, facilities, and resources are adequate to accomplish successfully the objectives and activities stated in the application.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania; Correction

August 8, 1997.

In the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 1997 (62 FR 39501), column 2, under the heading "Adjusted twelve-month limit," the unit of measure for Category 410 should be corrected from "dozen" to "square meters."

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Notice of Availability; Chicago Mercantile Exchange Proposed Amendments to the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures and Futures Option Contracts and the E- Mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures and Option Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to the multiplier and minimum price fluctuation provisions in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index futures and futures option contracts and the minimum price fluctuation provisions in the E-Mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) has submitted proposed amendments to halve the multiplier in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index (S&P 500) futures contract and to double the minimum price fluctuation in the S&P 500 futures and option contracts. The CME also has submitted proposed amendments to increase the minimum price fluctuation limit in the E-Mini Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index (E-Mini S&P 500) futures and futures option contracts. The 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 August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the index multiplier and minimum tick provisions of the S&P 500 futures and futures option contracts and the minimum tick provisions of the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and option contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Thomas Leahy of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-418-5278. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: tleahy@cftc.gov. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CME proposes to halve the contract size of the S&P 500 futures contract by reducing the index multiplier to \$250 times the S&P 500 from \$500 times the S&P 500. The CME also proposes to increase the S&P 500 futures and option minimum price fluctuations to 0.10 index point from 0.05 index point, thus maintaining the dollar value of the minimum tick at \$25.00 per contract. Under the proposal, the unit of trading in the S&P 500 futures option contract would be two S&P 500 futures contracts. Thus, the S&P 500 futures option would be exercisable into two futures contracts. The CME has represented that it intends to implement these amendments in October or November 1997 for application to existing and newly listed contract months beginning with the December 1997 contracts.

Separately, the CME proposes to increase the size of the minimum price fluctuation in the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and option contracts to 0.25 index point (\$12.50 per contract) from 0.10 index point (\$5.00 per contract). Those amendments would be implemented, for newly listed contract months only, at the time the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and option contracts are listed for trading.

In support of its proposal to apply the proposed S&P 500 futures and option contract amendments to existing contracts, the CME stated that sufficient advance notice would be provided to those who choose to offset their positions. Further, the CME stated that,

because of the nature of a competitive marketplace, "commission and brokerage rates will fall to one half of their current levels," although "the extent and rate of decline cannot be estimated with precision." Moreover, "the users' all-in costs will be sufficiently reduced by the anticipated improvements in liquidity to more than offset any increases in commission and brokerage payments that may occur."

The Division specifically requests comment with regard to the CME proposal to apply the proposed amendments to the S&P 500 futures and option contracts to currently listed contract months. In addition, the Division requests comment on the proposal to double the minimum tick in the S&P 500 futures and futures option contracts to 0.10 index point, and the proposal to increase the minimum tick in the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and option contracts to 0.25 index point.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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 CME in support of the proposals may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 C.F.R. part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 C.F.R. 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 C.F.R. 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 8, 1997.

John Mielke,

Acting Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the NYMEX for Designation as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on the Hong Kong Stock Index

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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

SUMMARY: The New York Mercantile (NYMEX or Exchange) applied for designation as a contract market in futures and futures options on the Hong Kong stock index. Comment on the proposed contracts was requested in a **Federal Register** notice dated November 19, 1996 (61 FR 58864). 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, in this instance, an additional period for public comment on the NYMEX's proposals is warranted.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 29, 1997.

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. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the NYMEX Hong Kong stock index futures and options.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Please contact Thomas Leahy of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW., Washington, 20581, telephone (202) 418-5278. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: tleahy@cftc.gov

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 NW., 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) 418-5100.

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 confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the NYMEX should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

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John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense Acquisition University.

ACTION: Board of Visitors Meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC), 9000 Belvoir Road, Building 184, Fort Belvoir, Virginia on Wednesday, September 10, 1997 from 0830 until 1600. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest and discuss the DAU distance learning initiatives. The agenda will include continuing discussions concerning acquisition research, development of the continuing acquisition education policy, and the development of the DAU distance learning program plan and schedule.

The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Mrs. Joyce Reniere at (703) 805-5134.