

the standard should be reaffirmed, amended, revised, or withdrawn.

DATES: Written comments should be supported by written data, views, or arguments and must be received on or before January 23, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are to be directed to Barbara M. Meigs, Technical Standards Activities Program, Office of Standards Services, Building 820, Room 164, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for a copy of PS 2-92 or for additional information are to be directed to Barbara M. Meigs, Technical Standards Activities Program, Office of Standards Services, National Institute of Standards and Technology, *telephone:* 301-975-4025, *fax:* 301-926-1559; *e-mail:* barbara.meigsnist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Voluntary Product Standard PS 2-92 establishes inspection, test, and labeling procedures for assessing the acceptability of wood-based structural-use panels for construction sheathing and single-floor applications for a variety of products; namely, plywood, wafer board, oriented strand board, structural particle board, and composite panels. It provides performance requirements, adhesive bond durability, panel construction and workmanship, dimensions and tolerances, marking, and moisture content of structural-use panels. The Standard classifies panels by exposure durability and by grade. It provides test methods, a glossary of trade terms and definitions, and a quality certification program whereby agencies can inspect, sample, and test products for qualification under this Standard. Information regarding reinspection practices is provided in an appendix.

PS 2-92, published in 1992, was developed and is maintained in accordance with Department "Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards" established in Part 10, Title 15, of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR Part 10, as amended; 51 FR 119 dated June 20, 1986).

Section 10.10 of the Procedures requires that each VPS standard be reviewed by the Department with such assistance of the Standing Committee (responsible for maintaining the standard) or others, as may be deemed appropriate by the Department, within five years after initial issuance or last revision of the standard.

Upon completion of the review of PS 2-92, the Standing Committee for PS 2-92 and NIST will act to reaffirm, amend,

revise, or withdraw the standard, as appropriate.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272.

Dated: November 17, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and with section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972; as amended, the State of Florida and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) intend to conduct a public scoping meeting on the proposed Guana Tolomato Matanzas (GTM) National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in Florida to solicit comments on significant issues related to the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Management Plan (DMP). The DEIS and DMP address research, monitoring, education and resource protection needs for the reserve.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: St. Johns County Auditorium, Government Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Florida 32095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Marie Hartman, Bureau of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, Division of Marine Resources, Department of Environmental Protection at (850) 488-3456; or Nathalie Peter, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3132, ext. 119.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In October 1997, NOAA Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD) approved the nomination of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas (GTM) estuarine systems as a proposed National Estuarine Research Reserve. Research reserves provide

natural coastal habitats as field laboratories for baseline ecological studies and education programs. Research and monitoring programs are designed to enhance scientific understanding of the coastal environment and aid in resource management decision making.

The proposed GTM Reserve encompasses approximately 53,333 acres of publicly owned lands and waters in St. Johns and Flagler Counties on the east coast of Florida. It consists of two sites: the Guana River and Tolomato River estuarine system located north of St. Augustine and the Matanzas River south of St. Augustine. The proposed reserve is an area important to many resident and migratory fish and waterfowl and a variety of threatened and endangered species, including the manatee, the least tern, and the loggerhead, green and leatherback turtles. Major habitat types include beach dunes, salt and freshwater marshes, cypress and hardwood swamps, shell mounds, and xeric hammocks. The Matanzas Inlet is the last naturally occurring inlet on the east coast of Florida that has not been subject to dredging and other manmade disturbances.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has developed a draft management plan for the NERR which identifies specific needs and priorities related to research, monitoring, education, and stewardship at the proposed site. It also presents draft action plans for administration, a volunteer program, public access, facilities/construction, and boundaries/land acquisition.

At the public meeting, DEP and NOAA will provide a synopsis of the draft management plan and will solicit comments on significant environmental issues that will be incorporated into a DEIS.

The public meeting will be held in St. Augustine, Florida at the St. Johns County Auditorium, Government Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway, on December 10, 1997, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Interested parties who wish to submit suggestions, comments or substantive information regarding the scope or content of the proposed DEIS/DMP are invited to attend the above meeting. Parties who wish to respond in writing should do so by December 26, 1997, to Anna Marie Hartman, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Marine Resources, Bureau of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 235 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or Nathalie Peter, NOAA Sanctuaries and

Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420 (Coastal Zone Management) Research Reserves

Dated: November 19, 1997.

Captain Evelyn J. Fields,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bangladesh

November 19, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Bangladesh and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 are based on the limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limits for the 1998 period. The 1998 limits for all categories except 331, 341 and 641 have been reduced for carryforward applied to the 1997 limits.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Information regarding the 1998 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 19, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1998, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Bangladesh and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
237	483,925 dozen.
331	1,229,621 dozen pairs.
334	140,004 dozen.
335	251,378 dozen.
336/636	449,849 dozen.
338/339	1,303,162 dozen.
340/640	2,945,879 dozen
341	2,580,983 dozen.
342/642	422,226 dozen.
347/348	2,196,353 dozen.
351/651	670,582 dozen.
352/652	10,004,398 dozen.
363	24,995,418 numbers.
369-S ¹	1,675,461 kilograms.
634	489,811 dozen.
635	317,340 dozen.
638/639	1,652,648 dozen.
641	1,080,730 dozen.
645/646	388,106 dozen.
647/648	1,381,355 dozen.
847	733,449 dozen.

¹Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 20, 1996) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such

products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bulgaria

November 19, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Bulgaria and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1998 limits.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel