

responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services, may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order.

Fifth, that this Order does not prohibit any export, reexport, or other transaction subject to the Regulations where the only items involved that are subject to the Regulations are the foreign-produced direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

Sixth, that, in accordance with the provisions of § 766.24(e) of the Regulations, Thane-Coat, Ford, or Engebretson may, at any time, appeal this Order by filing a full written statement in support of the appeal with the Office of Administrative Law Judge, U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center, 40 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022.

Seventh, that this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 180 days.

Eighth, that, in accordance with the provisions of § 766.24(d) of the Regulations, BXA may seek renewal of this Order by filing a written request not later than 20 days before the expiration date. Any respondent may oppose a request to renew this Order by filing a written submission with the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, which must be received not later than seven days before the expiration date of the Order.

A copy of this Order shall be served on each Respondent and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Entered this 20th day of March, 2001.

Lisa A. Prager,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Solicitation of Requests for Modification of Tariff Rate Quotas on the Import of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics.

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: The Department of Commerce is soliciting requests for the modification of the limitations on the quantity of imports of certain worsted wool fabric under the 2001 tariff rate quotas established by the Trade and Development Act of 2000.

ADDRESSES: Requests must be submitted to: Industry Assessment Division, Office of Textiles and Apparel, Room 3100,

United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sergio Botero, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

The Department of Commerce (Department) hereby solicits requests for the modification of the limitations on the quantity of imports of certain worsted wool fabric under the 2001 tariff rate quotas established by the Trade and Development Act of 2000. To be considered, a request must be received or postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2001 and must comply with the requirement of 15 C.F.R. 340 (66 FR 6459, published January 22, 2001). If a request is received, the Department will solicit comments on the request in the Federal Register and provide a twenty day comment period. Thirty days after the end of the comment period, the Department will determine whether the limitations should be modified.

BACKGROUND: Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (the Act) creates two tariff rate quotas, providing for temporary reductions in the import duties on two categories of worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers. For worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (new Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11), the reduction in duty is limited to 2,500,000 square meter equivalents per year. For worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (new HTS heading 9902.51.12), the reduction is limited to 1,500,000 square meter equivalents per year. Both these limitations may be modified by the President, not to exceed 1,000,000 square meter equivalents per year for each tariff rate quota.

The Act requires the annual consideration of requests by U.S. manufacturers of men's or boys' worsted wool suits, suit-type jackets and trousers for modification of the limitation on the quantity of fabric that may be imported under the tariff rate quotas, and grants the President the authority to proclaim modifications to the limitations. In determining whether to modify the limitations, specified U.S. market conditions with respect to worsted wool fabric and worsted wool apparel must be considered. On January 22, the Department published regulations establishing procedures for considering requests for modification of the limitations. 66 FR 6459, 15 CFR 340.

To be considered, requests must be submitted by a manufacturer of men's or boys' worsted wool suits, suit-type

jackets, and trousers in the United States and must comply with the requirements of 15 CFR 340.

A request must include: (1) The name, address, telephone number, fax number, and Internal Revenue Service number of the requester; (2) The relevant worsted wool apparel product(s) manufactured by the person(s), that is, worsted wool suits, worsted wool suit-type jackets, or worsted wool trousers; (3) The modification requested, including the amount of the modification and the limitation that is the subject of the request (HTS heading 9902.51.11 and/or 9902.51.12); and (4) A statement of the basis for the request, including all relevant facts and circumstances.

A request should include the following information for each limitation that is the subject of the request, to the extent available: (1) A list of suppliers from which the requester purchased domestically produced worsted wool fabric during the 12 months preceding the request, the dates of such purchases, the quantity purchased, the quantity of imported worsted wool fabric purchased, the countries of origin of the imported worsted wool fabric purchased, the average price paid per square meter of the domestically produced worsted wool fabric purchased, and the average price paid per square meter of the imported worsted wool fabric purchased; (2) A list of domestic worsted wool fabric producers that declined, on request, to sell worsted wool fabric to the requester during the 12 months preceding the request, indicating the product requested, the date of the order, the price quoted, and the reason for the refusal; (3) The requester's domestic production and sales for the most recent six month period for which such data is available and the comparable six month period in the previous year, for each of the following products: Worsted wool suits, worsted wool suit-type jackets, and worsted wool trousers; (4) Evidence that the requester lost production or sales due to an inadequate supply of domestically-produced worsted wool fabric on a cost competitive basis, and (5) Other evidence of the inability of domestic producers of worsted wool fabric to supply domestically produced worsted wool fabric to the requester.

Requests must be accompanied by a statement by the person submitting the request (if a natural person), or an employee, officer or agent of the legal entity submitting the request, with personal knowledge of the matters set forth therein, certifying that the information is complete and accurate, signed and sworn before a Notary

Public, and acknowledging that false representations to a federal agency may result in criminal penalties under federal law.

Any business confidential information provided that is marked business confidential will be kept confidential and protected from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. To the extent business confidential information is provided, a non-confidential submission should also be provided, in which business confidential information is summarized or, if necessary, deleted.

Dated: March 6, 2001.

Donald L. Evans,

Secretary, United States Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032001A]

Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals; Threatened and Endangered Wildlife; Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy Stock of Harbor Porpoise

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct a status review and request for information.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is initiating a status review of the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*). NMFS solicits information to facilitate its review of this stock, which is currently classified as a candidate species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

DATES: Comments and information must be received by May 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Information, comments, or questions concerning the status review of the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise should be submitted to Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Hanson, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 713-2322, ext. 101, or Kim Thounhurst, Northeast Region, (978) 281-9138.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ESA requires determinations of whether species of wildlife and plants are endangered or threatened based on the best available scientific and commercial data. With some exceptions that are not applicable here, NMFS is responsible under the ESA for species that reside all or the major portion of their lifetime in marine or estuarine waters. The ESA and regulations at 50 CFR 424.02 define "species" as any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any vertebrate species that interbreeds when mature. The Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of Harbor Porpoise is on the ESA list of candidate species in order to continue to monitor the species' status (64 FR 480, January 5, 1999; 64 FR 33466, June 23, 1999). NMFS is conducting a review of the status of this stock to determine, among other things, if it warrants listing as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

In 1993, NMFS proposed listing the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise as threatened under the ESA (58 FR 3108, January 7, 1993). That proposed rule reviewed existing information regarding the status of the stock and identified mortality and serious injury incidental to commercial fishing operations as the only significant factor that may be threatening the stock. On January 5, 1999, NMFS withdrew that proposed rule (64 FR 465). The notice of withdrawal discussed information that had become available since the proposed rule and concluded that a Take Reduction Plan, which was prepared in accordance with section 118 of the MMPA, contained an adequate regulatory mechanism to reduce mortality and serious injury of harbor porpoise incidental to commercial fishing operations. Because no other factors were identified that would have a significant adverse impact on the stock, NMFS determined that listing the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise was not warranted at that time. NMFS maintained the stock as a candidate species under the ESA (64 FR 480, January 5, 1999; 64 FR 33466, June 23, 1999).

The status review will give consideration to the current status of the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise, including life history, habitat, distribution, abundance, and trends. Additionally, the review will consider present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of habitat or range; over-utilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes (e.g., incidental and intentional take, research permits, stranding); disease and

predation; other natural or anthropogenic factors affecting the stock; evaluation of the effectiveness of the Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan; and, the need to list harbor porpoise under the ESA.

This document is not a proposal to list the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise as threatened or endangered. This document is a request for information to facilitate a review of the status of the species to determine, among other things, whether the species should be listed as threatened or endangered. NMFS will make the status review and any proposal that results from the review available for public comment.

Biological Information Solicited

To ensure that the review is comprehensive and based on the best available data, NMFS is soliciting information and comments from any interested person concerning the status of the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise. NMFS is primarily interested in new information that has become available since NMFS last determined that listing of this stock was not warranted (64 FR 465, January 5, 1999). It is requested that data, information, and comments be accompanied by (1) supporting documentation, such as maps, logbooks, bibliographic reference, personal notes, or reprints of pertinent publications and (2) the name of the person submitting the data, his/her address, and any association, institution, or business that the person represents.

Dated: March 23, 2001.

Wanda Cain,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Decision and Availability of Decision Documents on the Issuance of a Permit for Incidental Takes of Threatened and Endangered Species (1248)

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

ACTION: Notice of decision and availability of decision documents on