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Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 763-1845.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The SNZP proposes to test the hypothesis that food intake is important to the energetics of lactation in Weddell seals in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, over a 2-year period. Researchers would repeatedly capture two groups of up to 50 mother-pup pairs each (Treatment and Control) for weighing, administering isotopes, collecting blood and milk samples, and application/removal of time-depth recorders and radio transmitters. Thus, researchers would determine water turnover, maternal energy expenditure, changes in body composition, milk nutrient transfer, maternal and pup diving behavior, and the onset of feeding by mothers and pups. Researchers would compare the Treatment group to the minimally handled Control group, captured only twice (at the beginning and end of lactation), for collection of samples, weighing, and isotope administration. Ontogeny of foraging would be monitored in pups from both experimental groups (Postweaning

group). Up to 80 mother-pup pairs (Cross-sectional group) would be captured once per season to examine incidence of feeding during lactation. The applicant proposes to salvage tissue samples from seals that die naturally. Samples collected from Weddell seals and opportunistic samples from non-endangered marine mammals obtained legally by others would be imported into the U.S. and re-exported for scientific analysis. The applicant has requested a 5-year permit.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 27, 2006.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Madrid Protocol.

Form Number(s): PTO-2131, PTO-2132, PTO-2133.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0051.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,008 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 4,308 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two minutes to one hour (0.03 to 1.0 hours) to complete the information in this collection, including the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the forms or documents, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: The Madrid Protocol is an international treaty that allows a trademark owner to seek registration in any of the participating countries by filing a single international application. The public uses this collection to submit applications for international

registration and related requests to the USPTO under the Madrid Protocol. This collection contains electronic forms for filing the Application for International Registration (PTO-2131), Subsequent Designation (PTO-2132), and Response to a Notice of Irregularity (PTO-2133) online through the USPTO web site. The USPTO is adding one petition to this collection, the Petition to Review Refusal to Certify an International Application. No form is provided for this petition.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions, farms, the Federal Government, and state, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0051 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before June 2, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 26, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

April 27, 2006

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 3, 2006.

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 U.S. Customs and Border Protection website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call (202) 344-2650. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of July 17, 2003, as amended, between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, establishes limits for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing, carryover, and the recrediting of unused carryforward.

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 (refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>). See 70 FR 75156 (December 19, 2005).

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 27, 2006.

Commissioner,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 13, 2005, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Vietnam and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2006 and extends through December 31, 2006.

Effective on May 3, 2006, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and Vietnam:

Category	Restraint limit ¹
200	129,081 kilograms.
301	774,662 kilograms.
332	367,867 dozen pairs.
333	32,952 dozen.
334/335	855,621 dozen.
338/339	17,152,108 dozen.
340/640	2,551,109 dozen.
341/641	988,947 dozen.
342/642	751,476 dozen.
345	187,356 dozen.
347/348	9,502,098 dozen.
351/651	649,276 dozen.
352/652	2,293,613 dozen.
359-C/659-C ²	221,700 kilograms.
359-S/659-S ³	681,737 kilograms.
434	20,113 dozen.
435	49,627 dozen.
440	2,845 dozen.
447	61,253 dozen.
448	37,694 dozen.
620	8,263,944 square meters.
632	200,466 dozen pairs.
638/639	1,550,005 dozen.
645/646	112,945 dozen.
647/648	2,442,899 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2005.

² Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

³ Category 359-S: only HTS numbers 6112.39.0010, 6112.49.0010, 6211.11.8010, 6211.11.8020, 6211.12.8010 and 6211.12.8020; Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

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,
Philip J. Martello,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[No. USA-2005-0034]

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 2, 2006.

Title, Form, and OMB Number:

Candidate Procedures; USMA Forms 21-16, 21-23, 21-25, 21-26, 5-520, 5-518, 481, 546, 5-2, 5-26, 5-515, 480-1, 520, 261, 21-8, 21-14, 5-497; OMB Control Number 0702-0061.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 92,525.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 92,525.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes average.

Annual Burden Hours: 19,434.

Needs and Uses: West Point

candidates provide personal background information which allows the West Point Admissions Committee to make subjective judgments on non-academic experiences. Data are also used by West Point's Office of Institutional Research for correlation with success in graduation and military careers.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Hillary Jaffe.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jaffe at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.