

species of sea turtles protected under U.S. law and regulations. The Department was unable to issue a certification on April 30 for Honduras and, as a result, imports of shrimp harvested in Honduras in a manner harmful to sea turtles were prohibited effective May 1, 1996, pursuant to Public Law 101-162. The Department of State subsequently issued a certification for Honduras on August 1, 1996 and, as a result, the ban on shrimp imports that had been in effect since May 1, 1996, was lifted. In a related matter, the Department has determined that, beginning September 1, 1996, all shipments of shrimp and shrimp products, regardless of the date of export, will be subject to the provisions of section 609 of Public Law 101-162 and the Revised State Department Guidelines implementing that law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 22, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hollis Summers, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818; telephone: (202) 647-3940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 prohibits imports of shrimp from certain nations unless the President certifies to the Congress by May 1 of each year either: (1) That the harvesting nation has adopted a program governing the incidental capture of sea turtles in its commercial shrimp fishery comparable to the program in effect in the United States and has an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States; or (2) that the fishing environment in the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles. The President has delegated the authority to make this certification to the Department of State. Revised State Department Guidelines for making the required certifications were published in the Federal Register on April 19, 1996 (61 FR 17342).

On April 30, 1996, the Department of State certified that 36 shrimp harvesting nations have met, for the current year, the requirements of the law. The Department of State was unable to certify Honduras at that time. As a result, imports of shrimp from Honduras that were harvested in ways harmful to sea turtles were prohibited pursuant to Public Law 101-162 effective May 1, 1996, due solely to substantial evidence that the requirement imposed on commercial shrimp trawl vessels in Honduras to use turtle excluder devices was not being properly enforced.

More recent evidence demonstrates that a credible, reliable enforcement regime is once again in place in Honduras. The Department of State, therefore, was able to certify to Congress that Honduras has a regulatory program governing the incidental capture of sea turtles that is comparable to the program in effect in the United States.

In another matter related to section 609 of Public Law 101-162, the Revised State Department Guidelines published in the Federal Register on April 19, 1996 (61 FR 17342) contained determination that import prohibitions imposed in 1996 pursuant to the law shall not apply to shipments of shrimp and products of shrimp with a date of export prior to May 1, 1996. Accordingly, such shipments that were in transit prior to May 1, 1996 have been permitted to enter the United States. The Department of State has now determined that, by August 31, 1996, sufficient time will have elapsed in which such shipments should have reached the United States. Beginning September 1, 1996, therefore, all shipments of shrimp and shrimp products to the United States will be subject to the provisions of section 609 of Public Law 101-162 and the Revised Guidelines, regardless of the date of export. These provisions require, among other things, that each such shipment be accompanied by a completed Shrimp Exporter's/Importer's Declaration (DSP-121, revised).

Dated: August 7, 1996.

R. Tucker Scully,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcing Settlement on Import Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels and Adjusting an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador

August 16, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending restraint period and limit, adjusting limit and announcing signing of ITA-370P form.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 23, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, 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: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 18, 1996, the Governments of the United States and El Salvador agreed, pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), to establish limits for Categories 342/642 for a three-year term—March 29, 1996 through December 31, 1996; January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997; January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998; and January 1, 1999 through March 28, 1999. The two governments also agreed to establish Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for Categories 342/642 for the periods January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997; January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998; and January 1, 1999 through March 28, 1999.

In a separate MOU dated July 18, 1996, the two governments agreed to increase the base level for Categories 352/652 for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

Beginning on August 23, 1996, the U.S. Customs Service will start signing the first section of the form ITA-370P for shipments of U.S. formed and cut parts in Categories 342/642 that are destined for El Salvador and subject to the GAL established for Categories 342/642 for the period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997. These products are governed by Harmonized Tariff item number 9802.00.80.8015 and chapter 61 Statistical Note 5 and chapter 62 Statistical Note 3 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule. Interested parties should be aware that shipments of cut parts in Categories 342/642 must be accompanied by a form ITA-370P, signed by a U.S. Customs officer, prior to export from the United States for assembly in El Salvador in order to qualify for entry under the Special Access Program.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the restraint period for Categories 342/642

to end on December 31, 1996 at an increased level and to increase the 1996 limit for Categories 352/652. In addition, U.S. Customs Service is being directed to start signing the ITA-370P form for shipments of U.S. formed and cut parts in Categories 342/642 that are destined for El Salvador and re-exported to the United States on and after January 1, 1997.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 65296, published on December 19, 1995; 61 FR 34492, published on July 2, 1996.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in Federal Register notices 51 FR 21208, published on June 11, 1986; 52 FR 26057, published on July 10, 1987; 54 FR 50425, published on December 6, 1989; and 60 FR 2740, published on January 11, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 16, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on December 13, 1995 and June 26, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. Those directives concern imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported during the periods January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, in the case of Categories 352/652; and March 29, 1996 through March 28, 1997, in the case of Categories 342/642.

Effective on August 23, 1996, you are directed to amend the restraint period for Categories 342/642 to end on December 31, 1996 and increase the limit for Categories 352/652, as provided for under Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) dated July 18, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and El Salvador, the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round

Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), as follows:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
342/642	500,000 dozen.
352/652	8,103,774 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after March 28, 1995 (Categories 342/642) and December 31, 1995 (Categories 352/652).

Beginning on August 23, 1996, the U.S. Customs Service is directed to start signing the first section of the form ITA-370P for shipments of U.S. formed and cut parts in Categories 342/642 that are destined for El Salvador and re-exported to the United States on and after January 1, 1997.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket 37554]

Notice of Order Adjusting the Standard Foreign Fare Level Index

Section 41509(e) of Title 49 of the United States Code requires that the Department, as successor to the Civil Aeronautics Board, establish a Standard Foreign Fare Level (SFFL) by adjusting the SFFL base periodically by percentage changes in actual operating costs per available seat-mile (ASM). Order 80-2-69 established the first interim SFFL, and Order 96-6-41 established the currently effective two-month SFFL applicable through July 31, 1996.

In establishing the SFFL for the two-month period beginning August 1, 1996, we have projected non-fuel costs based on the year ended March 31, 1996 data, and have determined fuel prices on the basis of the latest available experienced monthly fuel cost levels as reported to the Department.

By Order 96-8-21 fares may be increased by the following adjustment factors over the October 1979 level:

Atlantic—1.4533

Latin America—1.5470

Pacific—1.5278

For further information contact: Keith A. Shangraw.

By the Department of Transportation.

Patrick V. Murphy,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; Special Committee 159/ Working Group 4; Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Navigation Equipment Using Global Positioning System (GPS); Precision Approach and Landing (CAT II/III)

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee (SC) 159 meeting to be held September 9-11, 1996, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Boeing's Facilities, Seattle, Washington. To ensure meeting access, contact Tim Murphy at (206) 294-1034.

The agenda will be as follows: September 9-10: (1) Introductory Remarks and Introductions; (2) Review/ Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting; (3) FANS/LAAS Vision; (4) Proposed CAT II/III LAAS Requirements: Review of Draft MASPS Section 2.2; (5) Discussion of Other MASPS Sections and Schedules; (6) Other Business; (7) Date Location of Next Meeting. September 11: Joint Meeting with SC-159/Working Group (WG)-2.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact Keith McDonald, Chair of WG-4, at (703) 578-0700; Dr. George Ligler, Co-chair of WG-4A, at (301) 983-4388; or Harold Moses, RTCA Program Director, at (202) 833-9339. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 16, 1996.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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