

• Establish a framework procedure for establishing BRD certification and decertification criteria and a BRD testing protocol.

The Shrimp Committee will also hear scientific reports of a statistical review committee and from stock assessment analyses related to the accuracy of bycatch estimates of red snapper.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by November 4, 1996.

Dated: October 16, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 91st meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 18-21, 1996. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, Garden Lanai Room, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 855-4811.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Standing Committees will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 18, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 19. The full Council will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 20-21. A joint meeting of the Marine and Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) and Council will be held on November 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Council will discuss and may take action on the following agenda items:

1. Reports from the islands;
2. Reports from fishery agencies and organizations;
3. Ecosystems and Habitat, including: Summary of recent issues and activities: coral reef activities, whale sanctuary, Memorandum of Understanding, Midway public use, etc.;
4. Pelagic fishery issues, including:
 - (a) Gear conflict between handliners and longliners,
 - (b) Status of Pelagic Fisheries Research Program and other pelagic research,
 - (c) Bycatch issues,
 - (d) Single Council designation response,
 - (e) Status of Albatross Workshop,
 - (f) Pelagics data amendment, and
 - (g) Control date for U.S. pelagic fishermen in the Pacific;
5. Crustaceans fishery issues, including:
 - (a) Report on 1996 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) lobster fishery,
 - (b) Report on research cruise and handling experiment,
 - (c) Lobster trap design study,
 - (d) Preliminary harvest guidelines,
 - (e) Mandatory Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), and
 - (f) Size distribution and high grading estimation;
6. Bottomfish issues, including:
 - (a) Status of Department of Land and Natural Resources management plan for Main Hawaiian Island onaga and ehu,
 - (b) Council's proposed draft amendment for Main Hawaiian Island onaga and ehu stocks,
 - (c) Reevaluation of the NWHI bottomfish fishery, and
 - (d) Report from the Task Force;
7. Enforcement issues, including:
 - (a) NMFS activities,
 - (b) Status of violations, and
 - (c) VMS Committee report;
8. Native rights and indigenous fishing issues, including:
 - (a) Implication of reauthorized Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) provisions;
 - (b) Status of Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network, and
 - (c) Consider changes in the way the Council conducts meetings;
10. Administrative matters, including:
 - (a) 1997-98 Advisory Panel appointments; and
 11. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: October 16, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of an Import Restraint Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Fiji

October 16, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

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 this limit, 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.

The import restraint limit for textile products, produced or manufactured in Fiji and exported during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997 is based on the limit notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and 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 limit for the 1997 period.

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). Information regarding the 1997 CORRELATION will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

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 ATC, 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

October 16, 1996.

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), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1997, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 338/339/638/639, produced or manufactured in Fiji and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997, in excess of 1,168,614 dozen of which not more than 973,846 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S/638-S/639-S¹.

Imports charged to this category limit for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 shall be charged against that level of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balance. In the event the limit established for that period has been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the level set forth in this directive.

The limit set forth above is subject to adjustment in the future pursuant to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

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 this action falls 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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Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mauritius

October 16, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously for swing, special shift and carryforward used.

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 November 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 62402, published on December 6, 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

October 16, 1996.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 29, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on October 23, 1996, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels not in a group	
338/339	456,115 dozen.
340/640	516,484 dozen of which not more than 369,315 dozen shall be in Categories 340-Y/640-Y ² .
638/639	382,120 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

² Category 340-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2046, 6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060; Category 640-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and 6205.30.2060.

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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Announcement of Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Mexican States

October 17, 1996.

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

¹ Category 338-S: only HTS numbers 6103.22.0050, 6105.10.0010, 6105.10.0030, 6105.90.8010, 6109.10.0027, 6110.20.1025, 6110.20.2040, 6110.20.2065, 6110.90.9068, 6112.11.0030 and 6114.20.0005; Category 339-S: only HTS numbers 6104.22.0060, 6104.29.2049, 6106.10.0010, 6106.10.0030, 6106.90.2510, 6106.90.3010, 6109.10.0070, 6110.20.1030, 6110.20.2045, 6110.20.2075, 6110.90.9070, 6112.11.0040, 6114.20.0010 and 6117.90.9020; Category 638-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.90.1007, 6109.90.1009, 6109.90.1013 and 6109.90.1025; Category 639-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.90.1050, 6109.90.1060, 6109.90.1065 and 6109.90.1070.