Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

Joseph R. Blum,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Rescission, Amendment and Redesignation of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

March 21, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs cancelling, increasing and amending the coverage of limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Heinzen, 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) 927-6713. 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

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated March 5, 1997, the Governments of the United States and the Republic of the Philippines agreed to rescind the limit for Category 239 for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. Also, the two governments agreed to amend the coverage of Group II to include Categories 361, 369-S and 611 and to increase the 1997 Group II limit.

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). Also see 61 FR 64507, published on December 5, 1996.

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, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and the MOU, 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

March 21, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 29, 1996, 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 and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelvemonth period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on March 28, 1997, you are directed, to rescind the 1997 limit and import charges for textile products in Category 239, pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and the Memorandum of Understanding dated March 5, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

Also, you are directed to amend the Group II designation to include the coverage of Categories 361, 369-S1 and 611. Categories 361, 369-S and 611 shall be sublevels in Group II. Import charges already made to these categories shall be moved to Group II. The 1997 limit for Group II shall be increased to 164,785,038 square meters equivalent 2.

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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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade Futures Contracts in Corn and Soybeans: Notice That Delivery Point: Specifications Must Be Amended

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of, and request for public comment on, response of the Chicago Board of Trade to Notification to amend delivery specifications.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission), by letter dated December 19, 1996, notified the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago (CBT), under section 5a(a)(10) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. 7a(a)(10), that the delivery terms of the CBT corn and soybean futures contracts no longer accomplish the objectives of that section of the Act. Under section 5a(a)(10), the CBT was required to respond by March 4, 1997, seventy-five (75) days from the date of the notice.

By letter dated March 4, 1997, from Patrick H. Arbor to Chairperson Brooksley Born, the CBT responded by providing to the Commission a status report of its actions. In that response, the CBT reported that a "working alternative" had been approved by the exchange board and would be forwarded to the membership for a vote.

On March 14, 1997, the Commission provided notice of the CBT's working alternative in order to provide the public with an opportunity to comment to the Commission on it (62 FR 12156). The Commission has determined to extend the comment period for an additional fifteen (15) days.

DATES: Comment must be received by April 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, attention, Office of the Secretariat; transmitted by facsimile at (202) 418-5521, or transmitted electronically at secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to "Corn and Soybean Delivery

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Blake Imel, Acting Director, or Paul M. Architzel, Chief Counsel, Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette

Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418–5260, or electronically, Mr. Architzel at Parchitzel@cftc. gov.

¹ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005

² The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has determined to extend the public comment period for the subject notice. The Commission believes that an extension of the comment period until April 15 would permit interested parties to fully evaluate the proposal and to submit their comments thereon to the Commission.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 21,

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission. [FR Doc. 97-7805 Filed 3-26-97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6351-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed **Forces Code Committee Meeting**

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the forthcoming public meeting of the Code Committee established by Article 146(a), Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. § 946(a), to be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 1997 in the Court Conference Room, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 450 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20442-0001. The agenda for this meeting will include consideration of proposed changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, 1984, as well as other matters relating to the operation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice throughout the Armed Forces.

DATE: March 31, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas F. Granahan, Clerk of Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 450 E Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20442-0001, telephone $(202)\ 761-1448.$

Dated: March 21, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 97-7735 Filed 3-26-97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5000-04-M

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education. **ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. **DATES:** Interested persons are invited to

submit comments on or before May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Resources Management Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility,

and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management

Office of Special Education and **Rehabilitative Services**

Type of Review: New. *Title:* Part H Longitudinal Study: Characteristics, Services, and Outcomes of Infants, Toddlers, and Families.

Frequency: On occasion, Semiannually, and Annually,

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs and LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

> Responses: 11,182. Burden Hours: 4,020.

Abstract: Data are being collected for a nationally representative sample of infants and toddlers served in early intervention under Part H of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and their families. Data will be collected from families, service records, and service providers. Findings will inform policy and practice regarding early intervention for young children with disabilities and their families. [FR Doc. 97-7770 Filed 3-26-97; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Source, Inc., et al.; Orders **Granting Authorization to Import and/** or Export Natural Gas

[FE Docket Nos. 93-82-NG, 97-15-97, 97-12-NG, 94-22-NG, 97-11-NG, 94-13-NG, 96-16-NG, 95-122-NG, 97-18-NG, 97-13-NG, 97-14-NG, 97-16-NG, 97-21-NG, 97-19-NG, 93-81-NG, and 97-17-NG]

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE. **ACTION:** Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders authorizing various imports and/or exports of natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.,