

7. Enforcement and VMS issues, including a) reports from the U.S. Coast Guard and NMFS Enforcement, b) status of violations, and c) possible changes to the Council's VMS policy;

8. Program planning and administrative issues, including a) Council milestones for 2000-2003, b) Standard Operating Practices and Procedure revision, c) election of officers, and d) meetings and workshops; and

9. Other business as required.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

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Dated: October 21, 1997.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[102197B]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 837 (P77-1#67)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 837 submitted by The National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, Washington 98115, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 12, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 48062) that an amendment of permit no. 837, issued June 4, 1993 (58 FR 33085), had been requested by the above-named organization. The original permit authorized studies on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) over a five-year period on rookeries in the Bering Sea and eastern North Pacific Ocean. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The permit was amended to authorize the following increased takings of northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*): To collect biopsy samples from 30 additional females on St. Paul and 30 additional females on St. George Islands. The total number of females to be biopsy sampled on both St. Paul and St. George will increase to 180 (90 on each island).

Dated: October 20, 1997.

Ann Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.092697B]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1016 (P167H)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ann E. Bowles, Ph.D., Senior Research Biologist, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San

Diego, California 92109, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 1016.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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.

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

Permit No. 1016 authorizes the permittee to harass several species of stranded rehabilitated and permanently captive pinnipeds and small cetaceans in order to measure their interaction with fishing gear and to determine the effect of introducing an auditory stimulus (i.e., pinger) on responses. The research is authorized to be conducted over a five year period. The permittee is now requesting to: add 2 pinger trials and 2 net trials with 14 of the 18 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) currently authorized to be involved in motivational state trials; and increase the number of California sea lions to be used in the naive trials from 30 to 40.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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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 and Silk
Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber
Apparel Produced or Manufactured in
the Philippines**

October 22, 1997.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 30, 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 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 for special
shift.

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 and the Uruguay Round
Agreement on Textiles, 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 22, 1997.

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, 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 twelve-
month period beginning on January 1, 1997
and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on October 30, 1997, you are
directed to adjust the current limits for the
following categories, pursuant to the Uruguay
Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
237	727,157 dozen.
338/339	2,208,953 dozen.
638/639	2,535,437 dozen.
Group II	
200-229, 300-326, 330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O ² , 360, 362, 363, 369-O ³ , 400-414, 432, 434-442, 444, 448, 459, 464-469, 600- 607, 613-629, 630, 632, 644, 653, 654, 659-O ⁴ , 665, 666, 669-O ⁵ , 670-O ⁶ , 831-846 and 850-859, as a group.	171,119,294 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to ac-
count for any imports exported after December
31, 1996.

² Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except
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 359-C).

³ Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except
6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S).

⁴ Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except
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, 6211.43.0010
(Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030,
6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090,
6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and
6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H).

⁵ Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except
6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010,
6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category
669-P).

⁶ Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except
4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020,
4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category
670-L).

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 DEFENSE

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0134]

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request Entitled Environmentally
Sound Products**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD),
General Services Administration (GSA),
and National Aeronautics and Space
Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public
comments regarding an extension to an
existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal
Acquisition Regulation (FAR)
Secretariat will be submitting to the
Office of Management and Budget
(OMB) a request to review and approve
an extension of a currently approved
information collection requirement
concerning Environmentally Sound
Products. The clearance currently
expires on February 28, 1998.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on
or before December 29, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition
Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this
burden estimate or any other aspect of
this collection of information, including
suggestions for reducing this burden,
should be submitted to: FAR Desk
Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB,
Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to
the General Services Administration,
FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW,
Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405.
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