

to be collected, measured and sampled for tissues, and returned to the water. ESA-listed juvenile salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

YTAC (1091) requests a three-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, southern California coast steelhead associated with fish population studies in the lower Santa Ynez River and its tributaries within the Evolutionarily Significant Unit. The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) spawner surveys, (4) genetic sampling, and (5) habitat assessment. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed adult and juvenile steelhead indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

RMI (1097) requests a three-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, southern California coast steelhead, threatened SONCC coho salmon, and threatened central California coho, associated with fish population studies in coastal waterways within the ESUs. The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) spawner surveys, (4) genetic sampling, and (5) habitat assessment. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

HES (1105) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, southern California coast steelhead, threatened SONCC coho salmon, and threatened central California coho, associated with fish population studies in coastal waterways within the ESUs. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) spawner surveys, and (4) habitat assessment. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

David Wm. Owens, Texas A&M University, (1106) requests a five year scientific research permit to take listed loggerhead, hawksbill, and Kemp's ridley turtles at the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, Gulf of Mexico. Up to 15 loggerhead and 5 hawksbill turtles will be captured over

the five-year life of the permit. Although no Kemp's ridley turtles have been observed at the site in the past, the applicant requests authorization to take this species in the event one is observed during sampling. The turtles will be captured by hand using SCUBA and a catch bag at the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary for the purposes of habitat utilization, migration, and reproductive biological studies. Captured turtles will be weighed, measured, blood sampled, and PIT and flipper tagged. Satellite transmitters will be attached to the carapace of each turtle. Additionally, ultrasonography, a non-invasive technique that allows imaging of a female turtle's ovaries, will be performed on captured turtles.

NRMC requests modification 1 to permit 1039 for authorization to include takes of juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) redd counts, and (4) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be observed and counted. Modification 1 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 1039 expires on June 30, 2002.

William M. Kier requests modification 1 to permit 1042 for authorization to include takes of juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of three tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, and (3) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile salmon indirect mortalities are also requested. Modification 1 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 1042 expires on June 30, 1999.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on any of these applications should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above permit application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: November 10, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, 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

November 12, 1997.

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, 1998.

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: 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 import restraint limit for textile products, produced or manufactured in Fiji and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 is based on a limit notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to 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 1998 period. The sublimit for Categories 338-S/339-S/638-S/639-S is being reduced for carryforward applied to the 1997 sublimit.

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). Information regarding the 1998

CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 12, 1997.

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); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1998, 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, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998, in excess of 1,279,924 dozen of which not more than 1,008,174 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S/638-S/639-S¹.

The limit set forth above is subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported during 1997 shall be charged to the applicable category limit for that year (see directive dated October 16, 1996) to the extent of any unfilled balance. In the event the limit established for that period has been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limit set forth in this directive.

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Thailand

November 12, 1997.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 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 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: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1862, as amended.

The current limit for Categories 334/634 is being increased for special shift, reducing the limit for Categories 335/635/835, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding dated October 28, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Thailand.

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 58044, published on November 12, 1996.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 12, 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 4, 1996, 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 Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on November 18, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and a Memorandum of Understanding dated October 28, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Thailand:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels in Group II	
334/634	731,828 dozen.
335/635/835	447,862 dozen.

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

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-07]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. J Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-07, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Certification Under Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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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.