

Categories 331/631 is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L. LeGrande. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Cambodia.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular commentary or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the implementation of an agreement is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning Categories 331/631. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Cambodia, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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).

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Summary of the Statement in Support of Request for Consultations Under Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956

Cotton and Manmade Fiber Gloves and Mittens—Category 331/631

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Import Situation and Conclusion

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade fiber gloves and mittens, Category 331/631, from Cambodia surged to 1,250,841 dozen pair during the year ending July 1997, over seven times the 176,732 dozen pair imported in the year ending July 1996 and more than 15 times the 79,968 dozen pair imported in calendar year 1995. Imports from Cambodia were

2.6 percent of total U.S. imports of Category 331/631 in the year ending July 1997, and were equivalent to 4.9 percent of U.S. production of Category 331/631 in 1996.

U.S. imports of cotton and manmade fiber gloves and mittens, Category 331/631, from Cambodia entered the U.S. at an average landed duty-paid value of \$3.12 per dozen pair during the first seven months of 1997, 42 percent below the average landed duty-paid value for all cotton and manmade fiber glove and mitten imports into the U.S., and 70 percent below the average U.S. producers' price for cotton and manmade fiber gloves and mittens.

The sharp and substantial increase of low-valued Category 331/631 imports from Cambodia threatens to cause disruption to the U.S. cotton and manmade fiber glove and mitten market and to the orderly flow of trade in these products. In several instances, Cambodia's import level for the year ending July 1997 exceeds the trade levels of WTO countries that have quota agreements with the United States.

U.S. Production, Import Penetration, and Market Share

U.S. production of cotton and manmade fiber gloves and mittens, Category 331/631, declined in 1996 falling to 25,424,000 dozen pair, 1 percent below the 1995 production level. Imports of Category 331/631 increased from 45,559,773 dozen pair in 1995 to 47,336,957 dozen pair in 1996, a 4 percent increase. Imports continued to increase reaching 48,220,877 dozen pair in the year ending July 1997, 7 percent above the same period a year earlier.

The ratio of imports to domestic production increased to 186 percent in 1996. The domestic manufacturers share of the U.S. market for cotton and manmade fiber gloves and mittens decreased to 33 percent in 1996.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange: Proposed Amendments to the Nonfat Dry Milk Futures Contract to Change the Contract From Physical Delivery to Cash Settlement

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed contract market rule change.

SUMMARY: The Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange (CSCE or Exchange) has

submitted amendments to its nonfat dry milk futures contract that would change the contract from physical delivery to cash settlement. In accordance with Section 5a(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act and acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commodity Futures Trading (Commission) has determined, on behalf of the Commission, that the proposed amendments are of major economic significance. On behalf of the Commission, the Division is requesting public comment on the proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CSCE nonfat dry milk futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Fred Linse of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, 20581, telephone (202) 418-5273. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: flinse@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendments provide for cash settlement of the nonfat dry milk (NDM) futures contract against the NDM "West Mostly" monthly average price as calculated and published by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA's NDM West Mostly price is published weekly and represents a survey of both buyers and sellers of NDM in western states. From this weekly price data, the USDA calculates the monthly average price. The value of the cash settled NDM contract would be 11,000 times the monthly average price.

The Exchange said that changing the NDM contract to one which is cash settled would significantly enhance the viability of this contract. The Exchange said that it has polled NDM industry participants who have reported that the USDA's West Mostly price is a fair and representative price, and that a majority of industry participants utilize it to price their product.

The amendments were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review

of amendments to contract terms and conditions (62 Fed. Reg. 10434). Under those procedures, the amendments, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved on December 26, 1997, 45 days after receipt of the submission. In view of the limited review period provided under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the amended terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for amendments submitted under the regular review procedures. Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CSCE may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 C.F.R. Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 C.F.R. 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 C.F.R. 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CSCE, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 18, 1997.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Realignment of E-2 Squadrons From Naval Air Station (NAS) Miramar

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the realignment of E-2 squadrons from NAS Miramar. The DEIS also has been prepared in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (DBCRA, P.L. 101-510) and the pertinent base closure and realignment decisions of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission approved by the President and accepted by Congress in September 1993 and September 1995.

The proposed action is to relocate four E-2 aircraft squadrons (16 aircraft) and related support personnel, equipment and functions from NAS Miramar to one of three alternative naval air bases in California. The proposed action includes relocating the 16 E-2 aircraft, 988 associated personnel and their families, and expanding or constructing facilities to support aircraft and personnel, and to provide associated training functions. In addition to the increased staffing and equipment levels, there would be an increase in Navy training and an increase in flight operations at the receiving installation. The preferred alternative is realignment of the E-2 squadrons to Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) Point Mugu, CA. Two other alternative sites were evaluated in detail: (1) Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, CA, and (2) Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro, CA. NAS North Island was initially considered as a potential alternative base, but was eliminated because of the need to support Clean Air requirements with regard to the BRAC-mandated Marine Corps realignment to MCAS Miramar.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) for the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 1, 1996. Public scoping meetings were held at the following locations: (1) On Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at the Oxnard Center for Performing Arts, Thousand Oaks/Hueneme Room, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA; (2) On Thursday, May 23,

1996, at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Center (Second Floor), 940 West Main Street, El Centro, CA; (3) On Tuesday, May 28, 1996, at Coronado High School Auditorium, 650 D Avenue, Coronado, CA; and (4) On Wednesday, May 29, 1996, at Lemoore Union High School Cafeteria, Back Room, 101 East Bush Street, Lemoore, CA.

The DEIS analyzes potential environmental impacts of the proposed action on biological resources, hydrology/surface water quality, land use and airspace, socioeconomics, traffic and circulation, air quality, noise, aesthetics and visual resources, utilities and services, cultural resources, public health and safety, and hazardous materials and wastes. Potentially significant, but mitigable, environmental impacts include impacts to air quality, schools, and cultural resources at NAWS Point Mugu; air quality and schools at NAS Lemoore; and biological resources, noise/land use compatibility, and conflict with existing aircraft operations at NAF El Centro.

No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process has been completed.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state and local agencies, local groups, elected officers, special interest groups and individuals. The DEIS is available for review at the following libraries:

Near NAWS Point Mugu

- City of Camarillo Public Library, 3100 Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo, CA;
- City of Oxnard Public Library, 251 South A Street, Oxnard, CA;
- City of Port Hueneme Public Library, 510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA;
- City of Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA;
- City of Ventura Public Library, 651 East Main Street, Ventura, CA; and
- Ventura City College Library, 4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA.

Near NAF El Centro

- City of Brawley Public Library, 400 Main Street, Brawley, CA; and
- City of El Centro Public Library, 539 State Street, El Centro, CA.

Near NAS Lemoore

- City of Avenal Public Library, 919 Skyline Boulevard, Avenal, CA;
- City of Lemoore Public Library, 457 C Street, Lemoore, CA;
- City of Hanford Public Library, 400 North Douty, Hanford, CA; and
- City of Fresno Public Library, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA.