

studies of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at all locations within the Hawaiian Archipelago and at Johnston Atoll, through May 31, 2002. The permit holder is now requesting that the permit be amended to authorize the relocation or removal of up to 10 adult male Hawaiian monk seals from the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, in the event that such seals are known to cause mortality to nursing or weaned pups.

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.

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.

Dated: May 15, 1998.

**Ann D. 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. 051198A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 704-1444

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that University of Alaska Museum, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1200, (Principal Investigator: Gordon H. Jarrell, Ph.D.) has been issued a permit to collect, import/export marine mammal specimens for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 13, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 7403) that a request for a scientific research permit to collect, import/export marine mammal specimens had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-227), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 15, 1998.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

#### Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, created pursuant to Executive Order 13038.

**SUMMARY:** The President established the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (PIAC) to advise the Vice President on the public interest obligations of digital broadcasters. The Committee will study and recommend which public interest obligations should accompany broadcasters' receipt of digital television licenses. The President designated the National

Telecommunications and Information Administration as secretariat for the Committee.

**AUTHORITY:** Executive Order 13038, signed by President Clinton on March 11, 1997.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Marquette Hotel, 710 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55402. This location is subject to change. If the location changes, another **Federal Register** notice will be issued. Updates about the location of the meeting will also be available on the Advisory Committee's homepage at [www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm) or you may call Karen Edwards at 202-482-8056. The meeting will also be broadcast over the Internet. The broadcast can be accessed via the Advisory Committee's homepage at [www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov).

**Media Inquiries:** Please contact Paige Darden at the Office of Public Affairs, at 202-482-7002.

#### Agenda

Monday, June 8

Opening remarks  
Committee deliberations  
Public Comment  
Closing remarks

This agenda is subject to change. For an updated, more detailed agenda, please check the Advisory Committee at [www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm).

**Public Participation:** The meeting will be open to the public, with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Karen Edwards at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at 202-482-8056 or at [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov).

Members of the public may submit written comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. The Secretariat's

guidelines for public comment are described below and are available on the Advisory Committee homepage ([www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm)) or by calling 202-482-8056.

**Guidelines for Public Comment:** The Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters welcomes public comments.

**Oral Comment:** In general, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker and no more than thirty (30) minutes total at each meeting.

**Written Comment:** Written comments must be submitted to the Advisory Committee Secretariat at the address listed below. Comments can be submitted either by letter addressed to the Committee (please place "Public Comment" on the bottom left of the envelope and submit at least thirty-five (35) copies) or by electronic mail to [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov) (please use "Public Comment" as the subject line). Written comments received within three (3) working days of a meeting and comments received shortly after a meeting will be compiled and sent as briefing material to Committee members prior to the next scheduled meeting.

**Obtaining Meeting Minutes:** Within thirty (30) days following the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting may be obtained over the Internet at [www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm), by phone request at 202-482-8056, by email request at [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov) or by written request to Karen Edwards; Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**Larry Irving,**

*Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Amendment of Quota and Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Turkey

May 18, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending quota and visa requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 2, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

#### 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.

In exchange of notes dated January 16, 1998 and March 27, 1998, the Governments of the United States and Turkey agreed that discharge printed fabric classified in Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035, 5209.51.6032 (Category 313); 5209.51.6015 (Category 314); 5208.52.4055 (Category 315); 5208.59.2085 (Category 317); 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015 (Category 326) which is produced or manufactured in Turkey and imported on or after June 2, 1998 will no longer be subject to visa requirements. Also, for quota purposes, discharge printed fabric classified in the aforementioned HTS numbers, produced or manufactured in Turkey and imported on or after June 2, 1998 will not be subject to 1998 limits, regardless of the date of export. The new designations for Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 will be 313-O, 314-O, 315-O, 317-O and 326-O. The 1998 quota levels for the new part-categories remain unchanged.

Effective on June 2, 1998, products in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326, produced or manufactured in Turkey and exported from Turkey on or after March 27, 1998 must be accompanied by a 313-O, 314-O, 315-O, 317-O and 326-O part-category visa. There will be a grace period from March 27, 1998 through June 30, 1998 during which products exported from Turkey in Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the export quota and visa requirements.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 52 FR 6859, published on March 5, 1987; and 62 FR 67839, published on December 30, 1997.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 18, 1998.

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 December 22, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Turkey and exported during the twelve-month period which begins on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on June 2, 1998, pursuant to exchange of notes dated January 16, 1998 and March 27, 1998 between the Governments of the United States and Turkey and under the terms of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, discharge printed fabric classified in Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035, 5209.51.6032 (Category 313); 5209.51.6015 (Category 314); 5208.52.4055 (Category 315); 5208.59.2085 (Category 317); 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015 (Category 326) which is produced or manufactured in Turkey and imported on or after June 2, 1998 will no longer be subject to visa requirements. Also, for quota purposes, discharge printed fabric classified in the aforementioned HTS numbers, produced or manufactured in Turkey and imported on or after June 2, 1998 will not be subject to 1998 limits, regardless of the date of export. The new designations for Categories 313, 314, 315, 317 and 326 will be 313-O<sup>1</sup>, 314-O<sup>2</sup>, 315-O<sup>3</sup>, 317-O<sup>4</sup> and 326-O<sup>5</sup>.

The import restraint limits for the new part-categories remain the same as the 1998

<sup>1</sup> Category 313-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

<sup>2</sup> Category 314-O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

<sup>3</sup> Category 315-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

<sup>4</sup> Category 317-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

<sup>5</sup> Category 326-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.