

Avg. Hours Per Response: One hour.
Needs and Uses: Vessels participating in Antarctic fisheries must display the vessel's official identification number or international radio call sign in three locations. The information is used for enforcement purposes.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: Other—this is a marking requirement.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 4, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Gear-Marking Requirements in Antarctic Fisheries.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None (previously cleared under 0648-0305).

Type of Request: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Burden: 10.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 10 hours.

Needs and Uses: Vessels participating in Antarctic fisheries must mark the vessel's fishing gear with the official vessel identification number, Federal permit or tag number, or some other specified form of identification. The requirement assists law enforcement officials in monitoring fishing and other

activities and to ascertain whether the vessel is participating in activities authorized for that vessel.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: Other—this is a marking requirement.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112398H]

Marine Mammals; File No. 881-1443

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 881-1443, issued to the Alaska SeaLife Center, P.O. Box 1329, Seward, AK 99664, was amended.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued

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), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit No. 881-1443, Project No. I authorizes the Alaska SeaLife Center to assess nutritional physiology, metabolic development, and clinical health under captive conditions of six harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and three Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*). Project II authorizes you to conduct stable isotope and lipid metabolism studies on the harbor seals.

Condition A.2.i. currently authorizes controlled dietary studies. As a component of this condition, this amendment (Project No. III) now authorizes the Holder to: (1) conduct a two-week fasting study on the Steller sea lions; (2) increase the frequency of blood-sampling during this period from one to three per week (previously authorized in Condition A.2.d.); and (3) inject D₂O two times during this two-week period (previously authorized in A.2.g.).

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: November 25, 1998.

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

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

December 4, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustras.gov>. 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 limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Effective on January 1, 1999, a visa will no longer be required for products integrated in the second stage of the integration of textiles and clothing into GATT 1994 from WTO member countries (see 63 FR 53881, published on October 7, 1998). A visa will continue to be required for non-integrated products. For quota purposes only, products remaining in categories partially integrated will continue to be designated by the designator "pt."

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 1999 limits.

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. Information regarding the 1999 **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

December 4, 1998.

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, 1999, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Levels in Group I	
218	15,759,634 square meters.
219	72,024,490 square meters.
313	42,166,947 square meters.
314	8,574,344 square meters.
315	14,401,463 square meters.
317	42,323,197 square meters.
326	9,618,909 square meters.
334/634	153,260 dozen.
335/635	682,313 dozen.
336/636	962,758 dozen.
338/339	4,168,194 dozen.
340/640	2,140,156 dozen.
341	4,473,861 dozen of which not more than 2,684,315 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ¹ .
342/642	1,381,686 dozen.
345	210,686 dozen.
347/348	677,845 dozen.
351/651	292,062 dozen.
363	49,249,693 numbers.
369-D ²	1,429,609 kilograms.
369-S ³	779,787 kilograms.
641	1,608,636 dozen.
647/648	934,120 dozen.
Group II	
200, 201, 220-227, 237, 239pt. ⁴ , 300, 301, 331-333, 350, 352, 359pt. ⁵ , 360-362, 600-604, 606 ⁶ , 607, 611-629, 631, 633, 638, 639, 643-646, 649, 650, 652, 659pt. ⁷ , 666, 669pt. ⁸ , 670, 831, 833-838, 840-858 and 859pt. ⁹ , as a group.	123,462,255 square meters equivalent.

¹Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

²Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

³Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

⁴Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁵Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1550.

⁶Category 606: all HTS numbers except 5403.31.0040 (for administrative purposes Category 606 is designated as 606(1)).

⁷Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.

⁸Category 669pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040.

⁹Category 859pt.: only HTS numbers 6115.19.8040, 6117.10.6020, 6212.10.5030, 6212.10.9040, 6212.20.0030, 6212.30.0030, 6212.90.0090, 6214.10.2000 and 6214.90.0090.

The limits set forth above are 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 1998 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 22, 1997) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

Effective on January 1, 1999, a visa will no longer be required for products integrated in the second stage of the integration of textiles and clothing into GATT 1994 from WTO member countries (see directive dated September 30, 1998). A visa will continue to be required for non-integrated products. For quota purposes only, products remaining in categories partially integrated will continue to be designated by the designator "pt."

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 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Extension of Suspension of Group II Restriction for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

December 4, 1998.

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