

Panel will meet on April 1, 1997, to review the summary of the 1996 Award cycle, establish the 1997 Award application review cycle, review survey of former applicants, review improvements on the feedback and judging processes, and discuss future plans for the Award program. On April 2, 1997, the Panel will discuss its reports to the Board of Overseers of the MBNQA and to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The Panel's discussions will cover the following topics: review of roles/responsibilities of Judges and Overseers; status of the 1996/1997 Award Cycles; health care and education award progress; information transfer on winners' responsibility, application trend, and Quest for Excellence IX Conference and regional conferences. The discussions on April 1, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and ending at 5:30 p.m., will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene April 1, 1997, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 10:30 p.m. on April 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room (seating capacity 36, includes 24 participants), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Harry Hertz, Director for Quality Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 10, 1997, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of the Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,
Director, Program Office.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Crustaceans Plan Team and Hawaii Crustaceans Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 18 and 19, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ilikai Hotel, Yacht Harbor Tower, Room 262, 1777 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 949-3811.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team and advisory panel will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Review of the Northwestern Hawaiian Island lobster fishery and stock status;
2. Estimation of annual harvest guideline, including: (a) review of model to estimate exploitable population size, (b) review of risk analysis estimation procedure, and (c) review panel recommendations;
3. Review of NMFS report, including: (a) assessment of methods and results to estimate high-grading in 1996 season, and (b) possible economic pros/cons of high-grading;
4. Review of adjustment mechanisms to correct for significant high-grading, including: (a) trap modification, (b) lower risk level to include grater uncertainty, (c) incorporate high-grading as additional component of M in model estimates, (d) use of observers to document level of high-grading, (e) other possible adjustments, and (f) statistically valid sampling and design to estimate high-grading;
5. Sampling considerations for expanding live lobster fishery;
6. Determination of Harvest Guideline for 1997 season; and
7. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of a New Export Visa Arrangement for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Slovak Republic

March 5, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing export visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1997.

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

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.

In an exchange of notes dated November 18, 1996 and January 31, 1997, the Governments of the United States and the Slovak Republic agreed to establish a new Export Visa Arrangement for certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in the Slovak Republic and exported on and after April 1, 1997. Goods exported during the period April 1, 1997 through April 30, 1997 shall not be denied entry for lack of a visa. All goods exported after April 30, 1997 must be accompanied by an appropriate export visa.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to prohibit entry of certain textile products, produced or manufactured in the Slovak Republic and exported to the United

States for which the Government of the Slovak Republic has not issued an appropriate export visa.

A facsimile of the export visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3100.

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).

Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products that are entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner of Customs.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 5, 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), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the Export Visa Arrangement, effected by exchange of notes dated November 18, 1996 and January 31, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the Slovak Republic; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on April 1, 1997, entry into the Customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in Categories 410, 433, 435 and 443, produced or manufactured in Slovakia and exported on and after April 1, 1997 for which the Government of the Slovak Republic has not issued an appropriate export visa fully described below. Should merged categories or part categories become subject to import quota the merged or part categories shall be automatically included in the coverage of this arrangement. Merchandise in the merged or part category(s) exported on or after the date the merged or part category(s) becomes subject to import quotas shall require a visa. Goods exported during the period April 1, 1997 through April 30, 1997 shall not be denied entry for lack of an export visa.

A visa must accompany each commercial shipment of the aforementioned textile products. A circular stamped marking in blue ink will appear on the front of the original commercial invoice or successor document. The original visa shall not be stamped on

duplicate copies of the invoice. The original invoice with the original visa stamp will be required to enter the shipment into the United States. Duplicates of the invoice and/or visa may not be used for this purpose.

Each visa stamp shall include the following information:

1. The visa number. The visa number shall be in the standard nine digit letter format, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (the code for Slovakia is "SK"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 7SK123456.

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month and year on which the visa was issued.

3. The original signature of the issuing official and the printed name of the issuing official of the Government of the Slovak Republic.

4. The correct category(s), merged category(s), part category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity in the shipment as set forth in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, annotated or successor documents shall be reported in the spaces provided within the visa stamp (e.g., "Cat. 340-510 DOZ").

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted. Merged category quota merchandise may be accompanied by either the appropriate merged category visa or the correct category visa corresponding to the actual shipment (e.g., Categories 347/348 may be visaed as 347/348 or if the shipment consists solely of 347 merchandise, the shipment may be visaed as "Cat. 347," but not as "Cat. 348.")). If, however, a merged quota category such as 340/640 has a quota sublimit on Category 340, then there must be a "Category 340" visa for the shipment if it includes Category 340 merchandise.

U.S. Customs shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a visa, or if the visa number, date of issuance, signature, printed name of the signer, category, quantity or units of quantity are missing, incorrect or illegible, or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the visa is less than that of the shipment, entry shall not be permitted. If the quantity indicated on the visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted and only the amount entered shall be charged to any applicable quota.

The complete name and address of a company actually involved in the manufacturing process of the textile product covered by the visa shall be provided on the textile visa document.

If the visa is not acceptable then a new correct visa or a visa waiver must be presented to the U.S. Customs Service before any portion of the shipment will be released. A visa waiver may be issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the request of the Embassy in Washington for the Government of Slovakia. The waiver, if used, only waives the requirement to present a visa with the shipment. It does not waive the

quota requirements. Visa waivers will only be issued for classification purposes or for one time special purpose shipments that are not part of an ongoing commercial enterprise.

If the visaed invoice is deficient, the U.S. Customs Service will not return the original document after entry, but will provide a certified copy of that visaed invoice for use in obtaining a new correct original visaed invoice, or a visa waiver.

If import quotas are in force, U.S. Customs Service shall charge only the actual quantity in the shipment to the correct category limit. If a shipment from Slovakia has been allowed entry into the commerce of the United States with either an incorrect visa or no visa, and redelivery is requested but cannot be made, the shipment will be charged to the correct category limit whether or not a replacement visa or waiver is provided.

Merchandise imported for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, and properly marked commercial sample shipments valued at U.S.\$250 or less do not require an export visa for entry and shall not be charged to agreement levels, if applicable.

A facsimile of the visa stamp is enclosed.

The actions taken concerning the Government of the Slovak Republic with respect to imports of textiles and textile products in the foregoing categories have been determined by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to involve foreign affairs functions of the United States. Therefore, these directions to the Commissioner of Customs, which are necessary for the implementation of such actions, fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1). This letter will be published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

March 4, 1997.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3508(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the