

26, 1997). Respondents have indicated that they will be cooperating in the investigation. In addition, we are investigating a large number of potentially complex alleged countervailable subsidy practices. Accordingly, as detailed in our September 23, 1997, Memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, (on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce) we deem this investigation to be extraordinarily complicated, and determine that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), we are postponing the preliminary determination in this investigation to no later than December 29, 1997.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Billfish Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on October 21, 1997 and will end by 3:00 p.m. on October 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the at the Radisson Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017; telephone: 713-943-7979.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Billfish AP will review a draft scoping document on issues and options for the management of Atlantic billfish. The scoping document was prepared by the Highly Migratory Species Management Division of NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, which is responsible for the management of billfishes, swordfish, marlin, tuna, and sharks. The purpose of the scoping document is to inform the public of NMFS' intent to gather information and to provide a mechanism by which the public can consider and comment on issues and alternatives relative to the management of Atlantic highly migratory species. Accordingly, the views of the commercial fishing, recreational fishing, conservation and scientific communities, and the general public are being sought by NMFS through publication of the draft scoping document.

The AP will also review a petition submitted to NMFS by the Coastal Conservation Association to declare Atlantic white and blue marlin stocks overfished. If these stocks are declared to be overfished, NMFS will be required to develop and implement a rebuilding plan.

The recommendations of the Billfish AP will be presented to the Council at their November 10-13, 1997 meeting in Longboat Key, FL, at which time the Council may decide whether to provide comment to NMFS on the above issues.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal AP action during this meeting. AP action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 14, 1997.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Malaysia

September 30, 1997.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 6, 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: 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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special shift, carryover, carryforward and re-crediting of unused carryforward.

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 58041, published on November 12, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 30, 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 and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on October 6, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹ |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Sublevels within Fabric Group | |
| 620 | 6,913,733 square meters. |
| Other specific limits | |
| 336/636 | 517,984 dozen. |
| 338/339 | 1,257,901 dozen. |
| 341/641 | 1,629,316 dozen. |
| 347/348 | 614,482 dozen. |
| 363 | 929,574 numbers. |
| 438-W ² | 14,696 dozen. |
| 638/639 | 542,208 dozen. |
| 645/646 | 295,797 dozen. |
| 647/648 | 1,745,460 dozen. |

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

² Category 438-W: only HTS numbers 6104.21.0060, 6104.23.0020, 6104.29.2051, 6106.20.1010, 6106.20.1020, 6106.90.1010, 6106.90.1020, 6106.90.2520, 6106.90.3020, 6109.90.1540, 6109.90.8020, 6110.10.2080, 6110.30.1560, 6110.90.9074 and 6114.10.0040.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

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 and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

September 30, 1997.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 7, 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: 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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special shift, carryforward and carryover.

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 68245, published on December 27, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 30, 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 December 20, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Pakistan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on October 7, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay

Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category | Adjusted limit ¹ |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 219 | 8,777,010 square meters. |
| 226/313 | 129,268,745 square meters. |
| 237 | 255,025 dozen. |
| 239 | 1,775,208 kilograms. |
| 314 | 6,383,279 square meters. |
| 315 | 86,034,954 square meters. |
| 317/617 | 34,302,672 square meters. |
| 331/631 | 2,536,349 dozen pairs. |
| 334/634 | 284,192 dozen. |
| 335/635 | 428,193 dozen. |
| 336/636 | 464,505 dozen. |
| 338 | 5,119,291 dozen. |
| 339 | 1,442,713 dozen. |
| 340/640 | 683,012 dozen of which not more than 217,058 dozen shall be in Category 340-D/640-D ² . |
| 347/348 | 913,866 dozen. |
| 351/651 | 309,670 dozen. |
| 352/652 | 774,175 dozen. |
| 359-C/659-C ³ | 1,059,295 kilograms. |
| 360 | 5,486,009 numbers. |
| 361 | 6,379,080 numbers. |
| 363 | 45,607,795 numbers. |
| 369-F/369-P ⁴ | 2,502,092 kilograms. |
| 369-R ⁵ | 10,838,458 kilograms. |
| 369-S ⁶ | 736,925 kilograms. |
| 625/626/627/628/629 | 42,954,671 square meters of which not more than 35,486,420 square meters shall be in Category 625; not more than 35,486,420 square meters shall be in Category 626; not more than 35,486,420 square meters shall be in Category 627; not more than 7,342,018 square meters shall be in Category 628; and not more than 35,486,420 square meters shall be in Category 629. |
| 638/639 | 236,337 dozen. |
| 647/648 | 724,144 dozen. |
| 666-P ⁷ | 782,926 kilograms. |
| 666-S ⁸ | 4,502,880 kilograms. |

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

² Category 340-D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030; Category 640-D: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030.