

7. Enforcement and VMS issues, including a) reports from the U.S. Coast Guard and NMFS Enforcement, b) status of violations, and c) possible changes to the Council's VMS policy;

8. Program planning and administrative issues, including a) Council milestones for 2000–2003, b) Standard Operating Practices and Procedure revision, c) election of officers, and d) meetings and workshops; and

9. Other business as required.

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

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Dated: October 21, 1997.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[102197B]

#### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 837 (P77–1#67)

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 837 submitted by The National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, Washington 98115, has been granted.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment 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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713–2289); and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 12, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 48062) that an amendment of permit no. 837, issued June 4, 1993 (58 FR 33085), had been requested by the above-named organization. The original permit authorized studies on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) over a five-year period on rookeries in the Bering Sea and eastern North Pacific Ocean. The requested amendment has been granted 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The permit was amended to authorize the following increased takings of northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*): To collect biopsy samples from 30 additional females on St. Paul and 30 additional females on St. George Islands. The total number of females to be biopsy sampled on both St. Paul and St. George will increase to 180 (90 on each island).

Dated: October 20, 1997.

**Ann 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.092697B]

#### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1016 (P167H)

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Ann E. Bowles, Ph.D., Senior Research Biologist, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San

Diego, California 92109, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 1016.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213 (310/980–4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 1016 authorizes the permittee to harass several species of stranded rehabilitated and permanently captive pinnipeds and small cetaceans in order to measure their interaction with fishing gear and to determine the effect of introducing an auditory stimulus (i.e., pinger) on responses. The research is authorized to be conducted over a five year period. The permittee is now requesting to: add 2 pinger trials and 2 net trials with 14 of the 18 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) currently authorized to be involved in motivational state trials; and increase the number of California sea lions to be used in the naive trials from 30 to 40.

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.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

**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

### Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

October 22, 1997.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 30, 1997.

**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 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 for special  
shift.

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 64507, published on  
December 5, 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, 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

October 22, 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 29, 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 the  
Philippines and exported during the twelve-  
month period beginning on January 1, 1997  
and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on October 30, 1997, you are  
directed to adjust the current limits for the  
following categories, pursuant to the Uruguay  
Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay  
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category   | Adjusted twelve-month<br>limit <sup>1</sup> |
|--|---|
| Levels in Group I  |   |
| 237 .....  | 727,157 dozen.                              |
| 338/339 .....  | 2,208,953 dozen.                            |
| 638/639 .....  | 2,535,437 dozen.                            |
| Group II   |   |
| 200-229, 300-326,<br>330, 332, 349,<br>353, 354, 359-O <sup>2</sup> ,<br>360, 362, 363,<br>369-O <sup>3</sup> , 400-414,<br>432, 434-442,<br>444, 448, 459,<br>464-469, 600-<br>607, 613-629,<br>630, 632, 644,<br>653, 654, 659-O <sup>4</sup> ,<br>665, 666, 669-O <sup>5</sup> ,<br>670-O <sup>6</sup> , 831-846<br>and 850-859, as a<br>group. | 171,119,294 square<br>meters equivalent.    |

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to ac-  
count for any imports exported after December  
31, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except  
6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020,  
6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052,  
6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010,  
6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and  
6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C).

<sup>3</sup> Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except  
6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S).

<sup>4</sup> Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except  
6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025,  
6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020,  
6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014,  
6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010,  
6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090,  
6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010,  
6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010  
(Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030,  
6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090,  
6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and  
6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H).

<sup>5</sup> Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except  
6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010,  
6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category  
669-P).

<sup>6</sup> Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except  
4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020,  
4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category  
670-L).

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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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0134]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Environmentally Sound Products

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),  
and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public  
comments regarding an extension to an  
existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal  
Acquisition Regulation (FAR)  
Secretariat will be submitting to the  
Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) a request to review and approve  
an extension of a currently approved  
information collection requirement  
concerning Environmentally Sound  
Products. The clearance currently  
expires on February 28, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on  
or before December 29, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition  
Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this  
burden estimate or any other aspect of  
this collection of information, including  
suggestions for reducing this burden,  
should be submitted to: FAR Desk  
Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB,  
Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to  
the General Services Administration,  
FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW,  
Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405.  
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