

Program personnel, operating under the authority of a separate permit, at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. Captured ESA-listed fish are proposed to be examined and released or tagged with radio transmitters, held for as long as 24 hours, released, and tracked electronically. Some lethal take is requested. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with research activities are also requested.

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of Snake River steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations. To date, a listing determination for lower Columbia River steelhead under the ESA has not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues a listing determination. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of lower Columbia River steelhead, does not presuppose a listing determination. Those individuals requesting a hearing on any of the applications should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

Nancy I. Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species 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 Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

February 25, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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: 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 current limits for certain categories are being increased for 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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67622, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 25, 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 19, 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 the Dominican Republic and exported during the periods January 1, 1998 through March 26, 1998 (Categories 352/652) and January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Effective on March 3, 1998, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
338/638	964,072 dozen.
340/640	992,459 dozen.
342/642	636,449 dozen.
347/348/647/648	2,158,406 dozen of which not more than 1,148,820 dozen shall be in Categories 647/648.
352/652	2,759,208 dozen.
433	24,131 dozen.
442	81,930 dozen.
443	142,253 numbers.
444	81,930 numbers.
448	42,207 dozen.
633	145,623 dozen.

The guaranteed access levels for the foregoing categories remain unchanged.

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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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

AmeriCorps*VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of guidelines with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National Service ("Corporation") plans to replace the VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 1987 (52 FR 16422). These guidelines will enable AmeriCorps*VISTA to make a grant agreement, or other arrangements with a sponsoring organization to pay for on-the-job transportation and/or supervisory support for AmeriCorps*VISTA members. The Corporation invites all interested parties to comment on the issues discussed in this notice. Any comments received will be carefully considered in the development of the final AmeriCorps*VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

address section on or before March 25, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Rosezina Dunn, AmeriCorps*VISTA Office, Corporation for National Service, Room 9110, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20525. (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for policy on electronic access.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Bevan, Program and Field Support Manager, AmeriCorps*VISTA, (202) 606-5000, extension 206. For individuals with disabilities, information will be made available in alternative formats, upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final Notice of VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines, as published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 1987 (52 FR 16422), will be replaced by new guidelines. This notice proposes new guidelines to ensure that AmeriCorps*VISTA members have the support to ensure that they may perform their assignments effectively. These guidelines will apply to AmeriCorps*VISTA sponsors and members serving under Title I, Part A of Pub. L. 93-113, as amended. The Corporation seeks public comment for all portions of these proposed guidelines. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the final guidelines; they will also become a matter of public record. No electronic mail or facsimile transmission comments will be accepted.

AmeriCorps*VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines Implementation

These Guidelines apply to all AmeriCorps*VISTA member supervision and/or on-the-job transportation support grant applications/agreements submitted to the Corporation for National Service on or after the effective date of the final notice.

1. Purpose

(a) Section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Public Law 93-113, as amended, requires the AmeriCorps*VISTA program to ensure that each member serving under Title I, Part A of the Act has available such allowances and support as will enable them to carry out the purpose and provisions of the Act and to perform their assignments effectively. In accordance with Section 105(b) and these guidelines, AmeriCorps*VISTA may make a commitment through a grant agreement, or other arrangement with a sponsor, to pay for on-the-job

transportation and/or supervisory support of such members.

(b) This order establishes the policy and guidelines for determining:

(1) The circumstances under which grants or other arrangements for AmeriCorps*VISTA contributions to on-the-job transportation expenses of AmeriCorps*VISTA members may be negotiated between AmeriCorps*VISTA and the sponsor; and

(2) The circumstances under which grants or other arrangements for AmeriCorps*VISTA contributions to the cost of providing supervision for AmeriCorps*VISTA members may be negotiated between AmeriCorps*VISTA and the sponsor.

2. Scope

Provisions of this policy and guidelines apply to AmeriCorps*VISTA sponsors and members serving under Title I, Part A of Pub. L. 93-113, as amended.

3. Background

While AmeriCorps*VISTA must ensure that members have available such allowances and support as will enable them to perform their project assignments effectively, the provision of adequate on-the-job transportation and supervision for AmeriCorps*VISTA members is primarily the responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

AmeriCorps*VISTA recognizes, however, that in some instances sponsoring organizations requesting members for projects that conform to AmeriCorps*VISTA's programming criteria may need assistance in providing this support. Corporation State Program Directors are provided with limited financial resources for the purpose of entering into transportation and/or supervision arrangements with AmeriCorps*VISTA project sponsors.

When such arrangements are established with a sponsoring organization, they are to provide for the direct support of AmeriCorps*VISTA member transportation and supervision, as well as travel needed to supervise AmeriCorps*VISTA members. They are not intended to provide for other support needed to accomplish the goals of the project. All other overhead expenses such as supplies, materials, and equipment are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

4. Policy

(a) AmeriCorps*VISTA will provide full or partial funding for on-the-job transportation of AmeriCorps*VISTA members and/or for hiring of persons responsible for supervision of the

members, but only in those cases where such support is deemed by the Corporation State Program Director to be:

(1) Necessary for the effective functioning of the AmeriCorps*VISTA members on the project, and

(2) Within these guidelines.

(b) Gradual assumption of transportation and/or supervision support by the sponsoring organization over the life of the project is encouraged.

(c) When a supervision and/or transportation arrangement is approved, the nature of the agreement between the Corporation State Program Director and the sponsor will be reflected in the relevant Memorandum of Agreement.

Any agreement whereby AmeriCorps*VISTA provides funds for these purposes will include provisions to ensure that:

(1) Services are furnished at a reasonable rate;

(2) The rate conforms to sponsor's hiring policies and/or local prevailing salary levels;

(3) Any expenses incurred by the sponsoring organization over the agreed amount will be at its own expense.

(d) In developing/renewing projects, the Corporation State Program Director shall take into account the travel and supervisory requirements of the proposed project. AmeriCorps*VISTA project support funds will be provided only when needs of the project and the assigned members cannot be met by the sponsor's own structure and resources.

(e) Renewal of supervision and/or transportation grants arrangements will be based on needs, availability of resources, and project performance.

5. Guidelines for Transportation Arrangements

(a) The Corporation State Program Director will establish the following facts before approving AmeriCorps*VISTA funds to support on-the-job transportation for AmeriCorps*VISTA members:

(1) Necessity of transportation, including public transportation, for AmeriCorps*VISTA members to achieve the goals/objectives of the project as contained in the project application;

(2) Inability of the sponsoring organization to provide adequate transportation.

(b) The Corporation will not provide on-the-job transportation support for:

(1) Travel expenses incurred by AmeriCorps*VISTA members from their residence to their assigned post; and

(2) Transportation or delivery services to the population being served.

(c) The Corporation State Program Director will consider budget

constraints, available resources, and program and geographic priorities in distributing AmeriCorps*VISTA on-the-job transportation funds.

6. Guidelines for Supervision Arrangements

(a) The Corporation State Program Director shall establish the following facts before approving AmeriCorps*VISTA funds to support on-the-job supervision of AmeriCorps*VISTA members:

(1) Necessity of full- or part-time supervision for members to achieve the goals/objectives of the project as outlined in the project application;

(2) Inability of the sponsoring organization to provide adequate supervision;

(3) Number of AmeriCorps*VISTA members assigned to the project during the period covered by the Memorandum of Agreement;

(4) Necessity of supervisor job-related travel based on number of AmeriCorps*VISTA members assigned and the geographic dispersion of the project.

(b) The Corporation has determined that:

(1) Projects averaging three (3) or fewer AmeriCorps*VISTA members over the course of the Memorandum of Agreement will not be eligible for any AmeriCorps*VISTA supervisory funding.

(2) Projects averaging at least four (4) AmeriCorps*VISTA members during the term of the Memorandum of Agreement are eligible for part-time supervisory funding in the same ratio as the individual would spend in actual supervision, e.g., if the supervisor spends at least 30% time directly supervising the members, AmeriCorps*VISTA would fund up to 30% of salary.

(3) AmeriCorps*VISTA projects are eligible for funding of a full-time supervisory position if the project averages at least eight (8) AmeriCorps*VISTA members over the course of the Memorandum of Agreement.

(c) The Corporation State Program Director will consider budget constraints, available resources, and program and geographic priorities in distributing AmeriCorps*VISTA supervision funds.

7. Elimination or Reduction of Transportation and/or Supervision Funding

(a) As a general rule, the level of funding, determined by the Project Manager and contained in an AmeriCorps*VISTA project support

grant/agreement, will be maintained throughout the term of the annual Memorandum of Agreement between the Corporation for National Service and the sponsoring organization. However, types of conditions that may cause the reduction or elimination of project support during the term of the annual Memorandum of Agreement are:

(1) Amendment by mutual agreement between the Corporation for National Service and the sponsor;

(2) Termination by the sponsor for any reason;

(3) Reassignment, resignation, or termination of AmeriCorps*VISTA members from the project before their term of service has ended with no replacements during that budget year;

(4) Substantial changes in AmeriCorps*VISTA member assignments; or

(5) Suspension or termination in accordance with 45 CFR Part 1206, Subpart A.

(b) All grant awards or agreements documenting supervisory or on-the-job transportation arrangements will contain language indicating that the AmeriCorps*VISTA funding may be reduced or eliminated in accordance with the provisions of this Guideline and the Memorandum of Agreement.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

Kenneth L. Klothen,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense Technical Information Center.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology announces the proposed extension of a currently approved collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Defense Technical Information Center, DoD Scientific and Technical Information Policy Office, ATTN: DTIC-S, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 0944, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6218.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address or call Mr. Dave Appler at (703) 767-9160.

TITLE, ASSOCIATED FORM, AND OMB NUMBER: Militarily Critical Technical Data Agreement (DD Form 2345), OMB Number 0704-0207.

NEEDS AND USES: The information collection requirement is necessary as a basis for certifying individuals or businesses to have access to DoD export-controlled militarily critical technical data subject to the provisions of 32 CFR 250. Individuals and enterprises who need access to unclassified DoD-controlled militarily critical technical data must certify on DD Form 2345 that data will be used only in ways that will inhibit unauthorized access and maintain the protection afforded by U.S. export control laws. The information collected is disclosed only to the extent consistent with prudent business practices, current regulations and statutory requirements and is so indicated on the Privacy Act Statement of DD Form 2345.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 2000

Number of Respondents: 6,000

Responses Per Respondent: 1

Average Burden Per Response: 20 Minutes

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Use of DD Form 2345, Military Critical Technical Data Agreement, permits U.S. and Canada defense contractors to certify their eligibility to obtain certain unclassified technical data with military and space applications. Nonavailability of the form prevents defense contractors from