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Cooperative agreements awarded pursuant to pertinent statutes shall be in accordance with the Fisheries Research Plan (comprehensive program of fisheries research) in effect on the date of the award.

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Dated: April 10, 1998.

Rolland A. Schmitt,
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Services.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits and Increase of a Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Costa Rica

April 13, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting import limits and increasing a guaranteed access level.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 17, 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 levels, 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 Categories 443 and 447 are being increased for swing, reducing the limits for Categories 340/640 and 342/642, respectively. Also, upon a request from the Government of Costa Rica, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current guaranteed access level for Category 447.

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 63520, published on December 1, 1997.

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 13, 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 November 24, 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 Costa Rica and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on April 17, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
340/640	1,044,155 dozen.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
342/642	385,679 dozen.
443	230,187 numbers.
447	12,411 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

The current guaranteed access level (GAL) for Category 447 is being increased to 19,000 dozen. The GALs for Categories 340/640, 342/642 and 443 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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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Agenda and Priorities; Public Hearing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 2000, which begins October 1, 1999. Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2000 will become part of the public record.

DATES: The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 21, 1998. Written comments and requests from members of the public desiring to make oral presentations must be received by the Office of the Secretary no later than May 7, 1998. Persons desiring to make oral presentations at this hearing must submit a written text of their presentations no later than May 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be in room 420 of the East-West Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments, requests to make oral presentations, and texts of oral presentations should be captioned "Agenda and Priorities" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, or delivered to

that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments, requests, and texts of oral presentations may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the hearing or to request an opportunity to make an oral presentation, call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, extension 1232; telefax (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4(j) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2053(j)) requires the Commission to establish an agenda for action under the laws it administers, and, to the extent feasible, to select priorities for action at least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. Section 4(j) of the CPSA provides further that before establishing its agenda and priorities, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for the submission of comments.

The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to submit their budget requests 13 months before the beginning of each fiscal year. The Commission is formulating its budget request for fiscal year 2000, which begins on October 1, 1999.

Accordingly, the Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 21, 1998 to receive comments from the public concerning its agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2000. The Commissioners desire to obtain the views of a wide range of interested persons including consumers; manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products; members of the academic community; consumer advocates; and health and safety officers of state and local governments.

The Commission is charged by Congress with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. The Commission enforces and administers the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*); the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261 *et seq.*); the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*); the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (15 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.*); and the Refrigerator Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 1211 *et seq.*). Standards and regulations issued under provisions of those statutes are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, chapter II.

While the Commission has broad jurisdiction over products used by consumers, its staff and budget are limited. Section 4(j) of the CPSA expresses Congressional direction to the Commission to establish an agenda for action each fiscal year and, if feasible, to select from that agenda some of those projects for priority attention.

Persons who desire to make oral presentations at the hearing on May 21, 1998, should call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, telefax (301) 504-0127, or e-mail, cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, no later than May 7, 1998.

Presentations should be limited to approximately ten minutes. Persons desiring to make oral presentations must submit the written text of their presentations to the Office of the Secretary not later than May 14, 1998. The Commission reserves the right to impose further time limitations on all presentations and further restrictions to avoid duplication of presentations. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 21, 1998 and will conclude the same day.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7(a)(1)(i), AMC hereby gives notice that it is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in the United States to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/796,772, filed February 6, 1997, entitled "Detection of Multiple Antigens and Antibodies," and U.S. Patent Application (no number assigned), filed February 18, 1998, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Detection of Multiple Nucleic Acid Sequences and Multiple Antigens" to Epitepe, Inc., having a place of business in Beaverton, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Medsger, Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command, ATTN: AMCCC-IP,

5001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22333-0001. Phone: (703) 617-2556; FAX: (703) 617-2556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted, unless within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, AMC receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision for the Santa Margarita River Flood Control Project and Basilone Road Bridge Replacement, San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Marine Corps, has completed the Record of Decision associated with the Environmental Impact Statement for the Santa Margarita River Flood Control Project and Basilone Road Bridge Replacement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the Record of Decision or requests for the document may be directed to Dr. Eric Stein, Senior Project Manager, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, California, 90053-2325, (213) 452-3415.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Robert L. Davis,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; National Coal Council Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).