

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 listed in this notice.

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Dated: December 23, 1998.

**Gary C. Matlock,**

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

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121898A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. P79H

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 887, issued to Institute of Marine Sciences, LML, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Principal Investigator: Ronald J. Schusterman, Ph.D.), was amended to extend the expiration date to March 31, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and

the provisions of 50 CFR 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: December 24, 1998.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Solicitation of Applications for Membership on Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office seeks five members for the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs. Each member will serve a three-year term. A member must be an organization that is representative of the intellectual property community, e.g., a bar group, an intellectual property organization, a business organization or an academic institution. Interested organizations should respond by a letter that includes the information requested in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

**DATES:** Submit applications on or before January 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail letters of request to participate in the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs to The Honorable Q. Todd Dickinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Deputy Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Marsh, Trademark Administrator, by telephone at (703) 308-8910 ext. 45; by fax at (703) 308-9395; or be e-mail to sharon.marsh@uspto.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Committee is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). Its purpose is to advise the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on ways to increase the Office's efficiency and effectiveness and to provide a continuing flow of insights and perceptions from the private sector to the Office in the areas of domestic and international trademark law.

The Office amended the charter of the Committee in 1996 to make the

Committee more diverse and more representative of trademark owners, trademark practitioners and the Intellectual Property community as a whole. Accordingly, the Commissioner will select five representative organizations from among intellectual property organizations, bar groups, business-related organizations and academia. The five organizations whose terms will expire on December 31, 1998, are not precluded from responding to this notice.

Each organization's letter to the Commissioner should explain the nature, size and characteristics of the organization and what insights and perspective it would bring to the work of the Committee.

The members will be selected based on the following criteria: (1) Organization's familiarity with the operations of the Patent and Trademark Office relating to trademarks and trademark rules, trademark practices, and the administration of the trademark operations; (2) the organization's experience practicing before the Patent and Trademark Office in trademark matters; and (3) evidence of the organization's interest in trademark practices, such as established committees designed to improve trademark operations, or legal education activities regarding trademark practices.

Dated: December 22, 1998.

**Q. Todd Dickinson,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce and  
Deputy Commissioner of Patents and  
Trademarks.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

#### Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of Pakistan

December 24, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 categories for which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

#### 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.

On December 24, 1998, under Article 6 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of Pakistan with respect to combed cotton yarn in Category 301, produced or manufactured in Pakistan.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Pakistan, the Government of the United States reserves its right to establish a twelve-month limit of not less than 5,262,665 kilograms for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of combed cotton yarn in Category 301, produced or manufactured in Pakistan.

A summary statement of serious damage, actual threat of serious damage or the exacerbation of serious damage concerning Category 301 follows this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding Category 301 or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in this category is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Donald R. Foote. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Pakistan.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular commentary or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the implementation of an agreement is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning this category. Should such a solution be

reached in consultations with the Government of Pakistan, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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). Information regarding the 1999 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### **Summary of the Statement in Support of Request for Consultations Under Article 6 of the ATC**

##### **Combed Cotton Yarn—Category 301 December 1998**

##### **Import Situation and Conclusion**

The USG has determined that the increase in imports of combed cotton yarn for sale, Category 301, has caused serious damage, or actual threat thereof, to the industry in the United States producing like and/or directly competitive yarn for sale.

Imports of the subject yarn from all sources increased by 91.3 percent in January-August 1998 over January-August 1997, an increase of 9,828,000 kilograms. During this same period, domestic shipments dropped substantially, falling 14,174,000 kilograms, 14.2 percent below the January-August 1997 level. Domestic unfilled orders fell by 15.8 percent and domestic production declined 10.2 percent from January-August 1997 to January-August 1998 as inventories increased 145.9 percent.

Increasing low-valued imports put pressure on domestic prices and margins. Capacity utilization declined as shipments and production fell, causing severe margin pressure as fixed costs had to be allocated over fewer sales, which cut gross margins. Compounded with the pressure to lower prices, mills' profitability evaporated. Operating margins shrank as companies engaged in the production and sale of the subject merchandise, resulting in declining profitability in January-August 1998 compared to the same period in 1997 on the product in question. Two mills fell victim to the price squeeze and shut down. Production worker employment in the defined industry lost 340 jobs during January-August 1998.

The USG concluded that the increase in imports in 1998 has caused serious

damage to the industry as reflected in the industry's declining production and shipments, the substantial increase in inventories, the industry's deteriorating financial performance, and the significant fall in unfilled orders and employment.

The USG has also determined that serious damage to this industry is directly attributable to a sharp and substantial increase in imports of the subject yarn from Pakistan. Imports from Pakistan have increased significantly, both absolutely and relative to domestic production and world imports, thereby increasing Pakistan's share of U.S. imports and the U.S. market. Pakistan's low-valued imports adversely affected U.S. domestic prices.

U.S. imports of the subject yarn from Pakistan increased to 3,612,652 kilograms in January-August 1998, 283.2 percent above the 942,756 imported during January-August 1997. For the year-ending October 1998, imports from Pakistan surged to 4,908,094 kilograms, 164.3 percent above the 1,857,294 kilograms imported for the year-ending October 1997.

The USG further determined that increases in imports of the subject yarn from all sources constitute the actual threat of serious damage or the exacerbation of serious damage to the defined domestic industry producing a like and/or directly competitive product, and that, based on sharp and substantial increases in imports of the subject product from Pakistan, such threat is attributable to Pakistan.

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#### **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

##### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Evaluation, Susan Labin, (202) 606-5000, Extension 160. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the