

completion of an effective interstate management program.

The ACFCMA, enacted in 1993, includes provisions to ensure state compliance with interstate fishery management plans (ISFMPs) developed by the Commission. That legislation also provides authority for the implementation of management measures in Federal waters that are compatible with an ISFMP and consistent with the national standards specified in Section 301 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. In December 1997, the Commission approved Amendment 3 to the American lobster ISFMP, which contained measures to end overfishing of the resource.

In March 1998, NMFS prepared a Draft EIS (63 FR 14922) that evaluated various management options in Federal waters to meet Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements regarding overfishing and the rebuilding of American lobster stocks in cooperation with the Commission under the ACFCMA. A proposed rule was then prepared on January 15, 1999 (63 FR 2708) that affirmatively responded to the overwhelming public comments urging NMFS to implement the Commission's plan in Federal waters. It also acknowledged that the preponderance of the fishery occurs in state waters and that, once the lobster FMP under the Magnuson-Stevens Act was withdrawn, state regulatory actions will be the key factor in rebuilding the lobster resource.

Subsequently, a Final EIS and a final rule were published in the **Federal Register** on May 28, 1999 (64 FR 29026), and on December 6, 1999 (64 FR 68228), respectively. The final rule transfers regulations for management of the lobster fishery under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (50 CFR part 649) to the ACFCMA (50 CFR part 697) and implements new measures consistent with the Commission's ISFMP. These new measures include the following: Extension of the current moratorium on new entrants into the EEZ fishery, designation of lobster management areas, near-shore and off-shore area trap limits, a 5-inch maximum carapace size in the Gulf of Maine, trap size restrictions, a trap escape vent size increase, trap tag allocations, and annual specification of additional management measures necessary to end overfishing and rebuild American lobster stocks. In addition, the NMFS' final rule restricts fishing effort in the EEZ based on fixed trap limits. This rule meets the Commission's request for NMFS to implement EEZ regulations compatible with the ISFMP for lobster and is consistent with the national standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Act,

which must be met when implementing Federal regulations under the ACFCMA.

The Commission, on August 3, 1999, approved Addendum 1 to Amendment 3 of the ISFMP for the determination of trap limits based upon historical participation, rather than fixed trap limits, in Lobster Management Area 3 (offshore EEZ), and Areas 4 and 5 (nearshore EEZ areas south of New York). As a result of the Commission's Addendum 1 and its recommendations for NMFS to implement compatible measures in Federal waters, an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) was published in the **Federal Register** on September 1, 1999 (64 FR 47756), to seek public comment on whether there is a need under the ACFCMA to restrict access of Federal permit holders in the lobster EEZ fishery on the basis of historical participation. The ANPR also notified the public that NMFS was considering September 1, 1999, the publication date of the ANPR, as a potential control date.

Thirty-two comments were received in response to the ANPR. Responses were received from both the trap and non-trap sectors of the lobster industry. A majority (68 percent) of the respondents stated that participation in and access to the fishery should be restricted, with most of these individuals in favor of using a control date to substantiate historical participation. A majority of respondents who were in favor of establishing a control date recommended dates that were identified through the Lobster Conservation Management Team process, rather than the September 1, 1999, control date proposed by NMFS in the ANPR.

The respondents who were opposed to access restrictions included (1) relatively new entrants into the trap sector of the fishery, (2) limited access permit holders who had not actively participated in the trap fishery, (3) two commercial lobstermen's associations, and (4) the State of Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR). Specifically, DMR commented that use of a control date to determine historical participation in the Federal waters of certain lobster fishery management areas should be considered a part of a comprehensive Federal action plan and not a stand-alone management measure. In response to these comments, NMFS intends to evaluate such action as part of a comprehensive management approach in both state and Federal waters.

Federal lobster permit holders will be affected by actions resulting from the subsequent EIS. Specifically, current Federal lobster permit holders may be

found ineligible to fish for lobster in certain lobster management areas, and/or their capacity to fish for lobster may be diminished. Additional Commission recommendations under the ISFMP may also be addressed by NMFS in the EIS in an effort to develop Federal regulations that are compatible with Addendum 1. These include the following: Vessel length and horsepower upgrade restrictions during the years 2000 and 2001; a prohibition on the possession of lobsters in certain areas, including Fire Island, Moriches, Shinnecock, and Montauk, New York; consideration of conservation equivalency measures proposed by the State of New Hampshire; and adjustments to closed area boundaries in Cape Cod Bay, Nantucket Sound, and the Cape Cod Canal. Accordingly, NMFS requests public input on these proposed management measures to assist in assessing the impact of these and other associated measures on the human environment.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 6, 1999.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

### Announcement of Import Limits and Transshipment Charges for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

December 6, 1999.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing 2000 limits and charging transshipments to the 2000 limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

**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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. 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 Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China establishes limits for textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000.

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 1998 (63 FR 25202) announced that transshipment charges would be made to the 2000 quota year for Categories 331, 341, 347/348, 351, 352, 631, 636, 641, 647, 649 and 652, pursuant to the February 1, 1997 MOU and in accordance with a letter to the Government of the People's Republic of China dated May 4, 1998.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limits for 2000 and to charge transshipments to the aforementioned categories for 2000.

The 2000 limits may be revised if China becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to China.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Information regarding the 2000 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 6, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption

of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit
Group I	
200, 218, 219, 226, 237, 239, 300/301, 313-315, 317/326, 331, 333-336, 338/339, 340-342, 345, 347/348, 350-352, 359-C <sup>1</sup> , 359-V <sup>2</sup> , 360-363, 369-D <sup>3</sup> , 369-H <sup>4</sup> , 369-L <sup>5</sup> , 410, 433-436, 438, 440, 442-444, 445/446, 447, 448, 607, 611, 613-615, 617, 631, 633-636, 638/639, 640-643, 644/844, 645/646, 647-652, 659-C <sup>6</sup> , 659-H <sup>7</sup> , 659-S <sup>8</sup> , 666, 669-P <sup>9</sup> , 670-L <sup>10</sup> , 831, 833, 835, 836, 840, 842 and 845-847, as a group.	1,489,747,475 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
200 .....	760,171 kilograms.
218 .....	11,545,878 square meters.
219 .....	2,489,303 square meters.
226 .....	11,303,244 square meters.
237 .....	2,081,724 dozen.
239 .....	3,140,030 kilograms.
300/301 .....	2,322,012 kilograms.
313 .....	42,937,692 square meters.
314 .....	50,905,532 square meters.
315 .....	135,765,776 square meters.
317/326 .....	22,221,367 square meters of which not more than 4,251,384 square meters shall be in Category 326.
331 .....	5,315,074 dozen pairs.
333 .....	102,104 dozen.
334 .....	330,687 dozen.
335 .....	390,241 dozen.
336 .....	178,268 dozen.
338/339 .....	2,345,616 dozen of which not more than 1,780,579 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S <sup>11</sup> .
340 .....	799,275 dozen of which not more than 399,637 dozen shall be in Category 340-Z <sup>12</sup> .

Category	Twelve-month limit
341 .....	692,566 dozen of which not more than 415,540 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y <sup>13</sup> .
342 .....	271,958 dozen.
345 .....	129,290 dozen.
347/348 .....	2,351,226 dozen.
350 .....	173,730 dozen.
351 .....	580,776 dozen.
352 .....	1,653,713 dozen.
359-C .....	629,916 kilograms.
359-V .....	908,816 kilograms.
360 .....	8,076,935 numbers of which not more than 5,509,250 numbers shall be in Category 360-P <sup>14</sup> .
361 .....	4,429,563 numbers.
362 .....	7,393,164 numbers.
363 .....	21,943,004 numbers.
369-D .....	4,850,271 kilograms.
369-H .....	5,168,442 kilograms.
369-L .....	3,456,254 kilograms.
410 .....	1,009,038 square meters of which not more than 808,853 square meters shall be in Category 410-A <sup>15</sup> and not more than 808,853 square meters shall be in Category 410-B <sup>16</sup> .
433 .....	20,955 dozen.
434 .....	13,399 dozen.
435 .....	24,610 dozen.
436 .....	15,161 dozen.
438 .....	26,531 dozen.
440 .....	37,904 dozen of which not more than 21,659 dozen shall be in Category 440-M <sup>17</sup> .
442 .....	40,123 dozen.
443 .....	129,627 numbers.
444 .....	208,985 numbers.
445/446 .....	288,334 dozen.
447 .....	70,970 dozen.
448 .....	22,389 dozen.
607 .....	3,353,959 kilograms.
611 .....	5,560,882 square meters.
613 .....	7,868,643 square meters.
614 .....	12,365,009 square meters.
615 .....	25,741,702 square meters.
617 .....	17,985,467 square meters.
631 .....	1,346,594 dozen pairs.
633 .....	59,064 dozen.
634 .....	642,575 dozen.
635 .....	677,805 dozen.
636 .....	558,042 dozen.
638/639 .....	2,461,210 dozen.
640 .....	1,393,501 dozen.
641 .....	1,320,054 dozen.
642 .....	347,966 dozen.
643 .....	525,254 numbers.
644/844 .....	3,723,828 numbers.
645/646 .....	826,729 dozen.
647 .....	1,586,522 dozen.
648 .....	1,133,559 dozen.

Category	Twelve-month limit	<sup>3</sup> Category 369-D: only HTS numbers	<sup>19</sup> Category 666-C: only HTS number
649 .....	986,417 dozen.	6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.	<sup>20</sup> Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except
650 .....	120,444 dozen.	<sup>4</sup> Category 369-H: only HTS numbers	6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020,
651 .....	797,134 dozen of	4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500 and 4202.22.8030.	6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052,
	which not more than	<sup>5</sup> Category 369-L: only HTS numbers	6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010,
	140,341 dozen shall	4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060,	6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025, 6211.42.0010 (Cat-
	be in Category 651-	4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091 and	egory 359-C); 6103.19.2030, 6103.19.9030,
	B <sup>18</sup> .	6307.90.9905.	6104.12.0040, 6104.19.8040, 6110.20.1022,
652 .....	2,885,070 dozen.	<sup>6</sup> Category 659-C: only HTS numbers	6110.20.1024, 6110.20.2030, 6110.20.2035,
659-C .....	422,011 kilograms.	6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025,	6110.90.9044, 6110.90.9046, 6201.92.2010,
659-H .....	2,933,239 kilograms.	6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020,	6202.92.2020, 6203.19.1030, 6203.19.9030,
659-S .....	640,531 kilograms.	6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014,	6204.12.0040, 6204.19.8040, 6211.32.0070 and
666 .....	3,654,898 kilograms of	6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010,	6211.42.0070 (Category 359-V).
	which not more than	6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090,	
	1,319,191 kilograms	6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010,	<sup>21</sup> Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except
	shall be in Category	6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.	6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025,
	666-C <sup>19</sup> .	<sup>7</sup> Category 659-H: only HTS numbers	6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020,
669-P .....	2,090,713 kilograms.	6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060,	6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014,
670-L .....	16,639,834 kilograms.	6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and	6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010,
831 .....	591,155 dozen pairs.	<sup>8</sup> Category 659-S: only HTS numbers	6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090,
833 .....	30,221 dozen.	6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010,	6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010,
835 .....	125,126 dozen.	6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040,	6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Cat-
836 .....	291,437 dozen.	6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and	egory 659-C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015,
840 .....	486,746 dozen.	6211.12.1020.	6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090,
842 .....	276,868 dozen.	<sup>9</sup> Category 669-P: only HTS numbers	6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H);
845 .....	2,464,408 dozen.	6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010,	6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010,
846 .....	180,898 dozen.	6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.	6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040,
847 .....	1,272,257 dozen.	<sup>10</sup> Category 670-L: only HTS numbers	6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and
Group II		4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020,	6211.12.1020 (Category 659-S).
330, 332, 349, 353,	126,050,507 square	4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907.	<sup>22</sup> Category 224-V: only HTS numbers
354, 359-O <sup>20</sup> ,	meters equivalent.	<sup>11</sup> Category 338-S: all HTS numbers except	5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.24.0000,
431, 432, 439,		6109.10.0012, 6109.10.0014, 6109.10.0018 and	5801.25.0010, 5801.25.0020, 5801.26.0010,
459, 630, 632,		6109.10.0023; Category 339-S: all HTS numbers	5801.26.0020, 5801.31.0000, 5801.33.0000,
653, 654 and 659-		except 6109.10.0040, 6109.10.0045, 6109.10.0060	5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0010, 5801.35.0020,
O <sup>21</sup> , as a group.		and 6109.10.0065.	5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020.
Group III		<sup>12</sup> Category 340-Z: only HTS numbers	<sup>23</sup> Category 224-O: all HTS numbers except
201, 220, 222, 223,	261,472,463 square	6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2050 and	5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.24.0000,
224-V <sup>22</sup> , 224-	meters equivalent.	6205.20.2060.	5801.25.0010, 5801.25.0020, 5801.26.0010,
O <sup>23</sup> , 225, 227,		<sup>13</sup> Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers	5801.26.0020, 5801.31.0000, 5801.33.0000,
229, 369-O <sup>24</sup> ,		6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and	5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0010, 5801.35.0020,
400, 414, 464,		6211.42.0054.	5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020 (Category 224-V).
465, 469, 600,		<sup>14</sup> Category 360-P: only HTS numbers	<sup>24</sup> Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except
603, 604-O <sup>25</sup> ,		6302.21.3010, 6302.21.5010, 6302.21.7010,	6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045
606, 618-622,		6302.21.9010, 6302.31.3010, 6302.31.5010,	(Category 369-D); 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500,
624-629, 665,		6302.31.7010 and 6302.31.9010.	4202.22.8030 (Category 369-H); 4202.12.4000,
669-O <sup>26</sup> and		<sup>15</sup> Category 410-A: only HTS numbers	4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500,
670-O <sup>27</sup> , as a		5111.11.3000, 5111.11.7030, 5111.11.7060,	4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091 and 6307.90.9905
group.		5111.19.2000, 5111.19.6020, 5111.19.6040,	(Category 369-L); and 6307.10.2005 (Category
Sublevel in Group III		5111.19.6060, 5111.19.6080, 5111.20.9000,	369-S)
224-V .....	3,745,293 square me-	5111.30.9000, 5111.90.3000, 5111.90.9000,	<sup>25</sup> Category 604-O: all HTS numbers except
225 .....	ters.	5212.11.1010, 5212.12.1010, 5212.13.1010,	5509.32.0000 (Category 604-A).
	6,461,344 square me-	5212.14.1010, 5212.15.1010, 5212.21.1010,	<sup>26</sup> Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except
	ters.	5212.22.1010, 5212.23.1010, 5212.24.1010,	6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010,
Group IV		5212.25.1010, 5311.00.2000, 5407.91.0510,	6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P).
832, 834, 838, 839,	11,939,855 square	5407.92.0510, 5407.93.0510, 5407.94.0510,	<sup>27</sup> Category 670-O: only HTS numbers
843, 850-852, 858	meters equivalent.	5408.31.0510, 5408.32.0510, 5408.33.0510,	4202.22.4030, 4202.22.8050 and 4202.32.9550.
and 859, as a		5408.34.0510, 5515.13.0510, 5515.22.0510,	<sup>28</sup> Category 369-S: only HTS number
group.		5515.92.0510, 5516.31.0510, 5516.32.0510,	6307.10.2005.
Levels not in a		5516.33.0510, 5516.34.0510 and 6301.20.0020.	<sup>29</sup> Category 863-S: only HTS number
Group		<sup>16</sup> Category 410-B: only HTS numbers	6307.10.2015.
369-S <sup>28</sup> .....	615,054 kilograms.	5007.10.6030, 5007.90.6030, 5112.11.2030,	
863-S <sup>29</sup> .....	8,704,930 numbers.	5112.11.2060, 5112.19.9010, 5112.19.9020,	The limits set forth above are subject to
870 .....	33,431,528 kilograms.	5112.19.9030, 5112.19.9040, 5112.19.9050,	adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral
		5112.19.9060, 5112.20.3000, 5112.30.3000,	agreement between the Governments of the
		5112.90.3000, 5112.90.9010, 5112.90.9090,	United States and the People's Republic of
		5212.11.1020, 5212.12.1020, 5212.13.1020,	China.
		5212.14.1020, 5212.15.1020, 5212.21.1020,	Products in the above categories exported
		5212.22.1020, 5212.23.1020, 5212.24.1020,	during 1999 shall be charged to the
		5212.25.1020, 5309.21.2000, 5309.29.2000,	applicable category limits for that year (see
		5407.91.0520, 5407.92.0520, 5407.93.0520,	directive dated November 30, 1998) to the
		5407.94.0520, 5408.31.0520, 5408.32.0520,	extent of any unfilled balances. In the event
		5408.33.0520, 5408.34.0520, 5515.13.0520,	the limits established for that period have
		5515.22.0520, 5515.92.0520, 5516.31.0520,	been exhausted by previous entries, such
		5516.32.0520, 5516.33.0520 and 5516.34.0520.	products shall be charged to the limits set
		<sup>17</sup> Category 440-M: Only HTS numbers	forth in this directive.
		6203.21.0030, 6203.23.0030, 6205.10.1000,	These limits may be revised if China
		6205.10.2010, 6205.10.2020, 6205.30.1510,	becomes a member of the World Trade
		6205.30.1520, 6205.90.3020, 6205.90.4020 and	Organization (WTO) and the United States
		6211.31.0030.	applies the WTO agreement to China.
		<sup>18</sup> Category 651-B: only HTS numbers	
		6107.22.0015 and 6108.32.0015.	

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Products in the above categories exported during 1999 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 30, 1998) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

These limits may be revised if China becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to China.

The conversion factor for merged Categories 638/639 is 12.96 (square meters equivalent/category unit).

Pursuant to the February 1, 1997 MOU and in accordance with a letter to the Government of the People's Republic of China dated May 4, 1998, you are directed to charge the following amounts to the 2000 limits for categories listed below:

Category	Amount to be charged
331 .....	82,122 dozen pairs.
341 .....	80 dozen.
347/348 .....	518 dozen.
351 .....	62 dozen.
352 .....	7,692 dozen.
631 .....	30,700 dozen pairs.
636 .....	101 dozen.
641 .....	1,309 dozen.
647 .....	25 dozen.
649 .....	3,061 dozen.
652 .....	6,372 dozen.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to 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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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

RIN 3038-AB43

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Approved Collection; Comment Request; Off-Exchange Agricultural Trade Options

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the following collection of information: OMB Control Number 3038-0048, Off-Exchange Agricultural Trade Options, expiration date November 30, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly Browning, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581; Telephone: (202) 418-5260, FAX (202) 418-5527, email [kbrowning@cftc.gov](mailto:kbrowning@cftc.gov); and refer to OMB Control Number 3038-0048.

**Abstract:** In April 1998, the CFTC removed the prohibition on off-exchange trade options on the enumerated agricultural commodities subject to a number of regulatory requirements. 63 FR 18821 (Apr. 16, 1998). This collection of information reflects the Commission's subsequent action to streamline the regulatory and paperwork burdens in order to increase the utility of agricultural trade options while maintaining basic customer protections. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory pursuant to Section 4c(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

The estimated average burden of the collection is as follows:

*Estimated number of respondents:* 3,605.

*Estimated total of annual responses:* 4,115.

*Estimated total number of hours of annual burden in fiscal year:* 23,015.

*Estimated average number of hours per response:* 5.59.

The Commission welcomes comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimated and any suggestions for reducing the burden.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Barbara W. Black, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington DC 20581; telephone (202) 418-5130; FAX (202) 418-5541; email [bblack@cftc.gov](mailto:bblack@cftc.gov).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 31, 1999 (64 FR 47452).

Issued by the Commission in Washington, DC, on December 6, 1999.

**Jean A. Webb,**

Secretary of the Commission.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Approved Collection; Comment Request; Rules, Regulations, and Forms for Domestic and Foreign Futures and Options Relating to Registration with the Commission

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the following collection of information: OMB Control Number 3038-0023, Rules, Regulations, and Forms for Domestic and Foreign Futures and Options Relating to Registration with the Commission, expiration date November 30, 2002.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**Abstract:** On August 26, 1999, the CFTC published a notice of proposed rulemaking (64 FR 46613) proposing to adopt amendments to Part 30 of the Commission's regulations to clarify when foreign futures and options brokers who are members of a foreign board of trade must register or obtain an exemption from registration. This collection of information reflects the Commission's proposal to codify some of the interpretations and positions the Commission has taken regarding registration requirements under these rules. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory pursuant to Sections 2(a)(1)(A), 4(b), and 4c of the Commodity Exchange Act.

The estimated average burden of the collection is as follows:

*Estimated number of respondents:* 73,610.

*Estimated total annual responses:* 76,860.

*Estimated total number of hours of annual burden in fiscal year:* 12,645.

*Estimated average number of hours per response:* 0.16.

The Commission welcomes comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Barbara W. Black, Commodity Futures Trading