

extensions, the Department intends to issue its preliminary results not later than May 23, 1999.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 26, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott E. Smith or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397, or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

#### Extension of Preliminary Results

The Department has determined that the sunset reviews of the suspended countervailing duty investigation and the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina are extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). See section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of these reviews until not later than May 23, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act. The final results of these reviews will, therefore, be due not later than September 28, 1999.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

**Richard W. Moreland,**  
*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

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##### Countervailing Duty Investigations of Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea; Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Final Determinations

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Time Limit.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final determinations of the investigations of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea. This extension is made pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 26, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marian Wells (France), Craig Matney (Italy), or Eva Temkin (Republic of Korea), Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-1167, (202) 482-1778, or (202) 482-4847, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because, at the petitioners' request, these investigations have been aligned with the concurrent antidumping duty investigations of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea, and the final determinations in those investigations were extended (January 4, 1999, 64 FR 130 (France), 64 FR 116 (Italy), 64 FR 137 (Republic of Korea)), the Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for completion of the final determinations in the above-mentioned countervailing duty cases to not later than May 19, 1999.

This notice is in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4).

Dated: February 18, 1999.

**Richard W. Moreland,**  
*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 99th meeting in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

**DATES:** The Council will meet in Guam on March 15-16, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day. The Council will meet in Saipan, CNMI, on March 17, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on March 18, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

**ADDRESSES:** The 99th Council meeting will be held at the Guam Hilton Hotel,

P.O. Box 11199, Tamunig, Guam, 96931, telephone: (671-646-1835); and at the Saipan Diamond Hotel, P.O. Box 66, Susupe, Saipan, CNMI, 96950; telephone: (670-234-5900).

**Council address:** Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will vote on whether to begin rule-making to address interactions between seabirds and the Hawaii-based longline fishery. In addition, the Council will discuss alternatives for implementing a comprehensive federal permit and mandatory logbook program for all currently undocumented fishing activities in the EEZs of Wake Island, Johnston Atoll, Howland and Baker Island, Palmyra Island & Kingman Reef, and Jarvis Island. In addition, measures to require logbook submission where ever a vessel permitted under an FMP fishes in the Pacific will be discussed.

Other items that the Council will discuss, and may take action on, include a cooperative NMFS enforcement agreement for Guam; U.S. Coast Guard fishing vessel safety for territorial registered vessels; illegal immigration related to the foreign fishing fleet; vessel monitoring system (VMS) activities in Guam and CNMI; South Pacific Commission tuna fisheries assessments for Guam and CNMI; Guam's fresh tuna transshipment industry; surveys of bottomfish stocks in Guam and CNMI; status of marine conservation plans; turtle research in Guam and CNMI; coral reef fisheries and management needs in Guam and CNMI; and review of a letter to NMFS from the Marine Mammal Commission regarding lobster fishing and monk seals at French Frigate Shoals.

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

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: February 23, 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

### Establishment of an Export Visa Arrangement for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Ukraine

February 22, 1999.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing export visa requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

#### 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.

Pursuant to the Visa Arrangement signed on July 22, 1998, the Governments of the United States and Ukraine agreed to establish visa requirements for certain wool textile products in Categories 435, 442, 444 and 448, produced or manufactured in Ukraine and exported from Ukraine on or after April 1, 1999. Products exported during the period April 1, 1999 through April 30, 1999 shall not be denied entry for lack of a visa. All products exported on or after May 1, 1999 must be accompanied by an appropriate export visa.

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).

Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products that are entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner of Customs.

A facsimile of the new visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., room 3104, Washington, DC.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 22, 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 the Visa Arrangement dated July 22, 1998, between the Governments of the United States and Ukraine, you are directed to prohibit, effective on April 1, 1999, entry into the Customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in Categories 435, 442, 444 and 448, produced or manufactured in Ukraine and exported from Ukraine on or after April 1, 1999 for which the Government of Ukraine has not issued an appropriate export visa fully described below. Should additional categories, merged categories or part categories be added to the bilateral agreement or become subject to import quotas, the entire category or categories shall be automatically included in the coverage of the visa arrangement. Merchandise in the category(s) exported on or after the date the category(s) is added to the agreement or becomes subject to import quotas shall require a visa. Products exported during the period April 1, 1999 through April 30, 1999 shall not be denied entry for lack of an export visa. All products exported on or after May 1, 1999 must be accompanied by an appropriate export visa.

A visa must accompany each commercial shipment of the aforementioned textile products. A circular stamped marking in blue ink will appear on the front of the original commercial invoice or successor document. The original visa shall not be stamped on duplicate copies of the invoice. The original invoice with the original visa stamp will be required to enter the shipment into the United States. Duplicates of the invoice and/or visa may not be used for this purpose.

Each visa stamp will include the following information:

1. The visa number. The visa number shall be in the standard nine digit letter format, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (the code for the Ukraine is "UA"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipments; e.g., 9UA123456.

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month and year on which the visa was issued.

3. The original signature and the printed name of the issuing official authorized by the Government of Ukraine.

4. The correct category(s), merged category(s), part category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity in the shipment in the unit(s) of quantity provided for in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States, shall be reported in the spaces provided within the visa stamp (e.g., "Cat. 434-210 doz.").

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted. Merged category quota merchandise may be accompanied by either the appropriate merged category visa or the correct category visa corresponding to the actual shipment. For example, quota Category 347/348 may be visaed as "cat. 347/348" or if the shipment consists solely of Category 347 merchandise, the shipment may be visaed as "cat. 347" but not as "cat. 348." If, however, a merged quota category such as 340/640 has a quota sublimit on Category 340, then there must be a "cat. 340" visa for the shipment if it includes Category 340.

U.S. Customs shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a visa, or if the visa number, date of issuance, signature, printed name of signer, category, quantity or units of quantity are missing, incorrect, illegible or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the visa is less than that of the shipment, entry shall not be permitted. If the quantity indicated on the visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted and only the amount entered shall be charged.

The complete name and address of a company(s) actually involved in the manufacturing process of the textile product covered by the visa shall be provided on the textile visa document.

If the visa is not acceptable then a new correct visa or a visa waiver must be presented to the U.S. Customs Service before any portion of the shipment will be released. A visa waiver may be issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the request of the Government of Ukraine. The waiver, if used, only waives the requirement to present a visa at entry. It does not waive the quota requirements. Visa waivers will only be issued for classification purposes or for one-time special purpose shipments that are not part of an ongoing commercial enterprise.

If the visaed invoice is deficient, the U.S. Customs Service will not return the original document after entry, but will provide a certified copy of that visaed invoice for use in obtaining a new correct original visaed invoice, or a visa waiver.

If a shipment from Ukraine has been allowed entry into the commerce of the United States with either an incorrect visa or no visa, and redelivery is requested but cannot be made, the shipment will be charged to the correct category limit whether or not a replacement visa or visa waiver is provided.

Merchandise imported for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, and properly marked commercial sample shipments valued at U.S. \$800 or less do not require a visa for entry and shall not be charged to agreement levels.