

In addition, NMFS will require that, immediately following the completion of the seismic retrofit construction of the Bridge, the monitor(s) will conduct observations of seal behavior, at Castro Rocks, at least 5 days/week for approximately 1 tidal cycle (high tide to high tide) each day, for one week/month during the months of April, July, October, and January. At least 2 nights/week during this same period, the monitor will conduct an additional harbor seal census after midnight.

Reporting

Under previous IHAs, CALTRANS has provided monitoring reports (Green *et al.* (2001, 2002). The findings from these reports have been summarized previously in this document.

CALTRANS will provide weekly reports to the Southwest Regional Administrator (Regional Administrator), NMFS, including a summary of the previous week's monitoring activities and an estimate of the number of harbor seals that may have been disturbed as a result of seismic retrofit construction activities. These reports will provide dates, time, tidal height, maximum number of harbor seals ashore, number of adults, sub-adults and pups, number of females/males, number of harbor seals with a red pelage, and any observed disturbances. A description of retrofit activities at the time of observation and any sound pressure levels measurements made at the haulout will also be provided. A draft interim report must be submitted to NMFS by April 30, 2004.

A draft final report must be submitted to the Regional Administrator within 90 days after the expiration of this IHA. A final report must be submitted to the Regional Administrator within 30 days after receiving comments from the Regional Administrator on the draft final report. If no comments are received from NMFS, the draft final report will be considered to be the final report.

CALTRANS will provide NMFS with a follow-up report on the post-construction monitoring activities within 18 months of project completion in order to evaluate whether haulout patterns are similar to the pre-retrofit haul-out patterns at Castro Rocks.

National Environmental Policy Act

NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 1997 that concluded that the impacts of CALTRANS' seismic retrofit construction of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge will not have a significant impact on the human environment. A copy of that EA, which includes the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available upon

request (see **ADDRESSES**). This action has not changed significantly from the action analyzed in the 1997 EA. Therefore, this proposed action is not expected to change the analysis or conclusion of the 1997 EA.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

On January 27, 1997, NMFS completed consultation under section 7 of the ESA with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on the CALTRANS' proposed seismic retrofit work on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. That consultation concluded that the project is not likely to adversely affect winter-run chinook salmon. However, issuance of this IHA to CALTRANS constitutes an agency action that authorizes an activity that may affect ESA-listed species and, therefore, is subject to section 7 of the ESA. Moreover, because the underlying action has not changed from that considered in the consultation, NMFS has determined that issuance of an IHA does not lead to any effects to listed species apart from those that were considered in the consultation on FHWA's action.

Conclusions

NMFS has determined that the short-term impact of the seismic retrofit construction of the Bridge should result, at worst, in the temporary modification in behavior by harbor seals and, possibly, by some California sea lions. While behavioral modifications, including temporarily vacating the haulout, may be made by these species to avoid the resultant visual and acoustic disturbance, this action is expected to have a negligible impact on the animals. In addition, no take by injury and/or death is anticipated, and harassment takes will be at the lowest level practicable due to incorporation of the mitigation measures mentioned previously in this document.

Authorization

For the reasons previously discussed, NMFS has issued an IHA for a 1-year period, for the incidental harassment of harbor seals and California sea lions by the seismic retrofit of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, San Francisco Bay, CA, provided the above mentioned mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

Laurie K. Allen,

*Acting Director, 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 Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bangladesh

November 20, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 26, 2003.

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 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 limit for Category 334 is being increase for special shift from Category 335, reducing the limit for Category 335.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 65339, published on October 24, 2002.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 20, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 18, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Bangladesh and exported during the twelve-month period which began

on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on November 26, 2003, 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
334	312,722 dozen.
335	461,588 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

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,

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Jamaica

November 20, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and
Border Protection establishing limits
and guaranteed access levels.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Naomi Freeman, 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
Bureau of Customs and Border
Protection Web site at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on
embargoes and quota re-openings, refer
to the Office of Textiles and Apparel
Web site at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 import restraint limits and
Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for
textile products, produced or
manufactured in Jamaica and exported
during the period January 1, 2004
through December 31, 2004 are based on
limits notified to the Textiles
Monitoring Body pursuant to the
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles
and Clothing (ATC).

These specific limits and guaranteed
access levels do not apply to goods that
qualify for quota-free entry under the
Trade and Development Act of 2000.

In the letter published below, the
Chairman of CITA directs the
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and
Border Protection to establish limits and
guaranteed access levels for the period
January 1, 2004 through December 31,
2004.

These limits are subject to adjustment
pursuant to the provisions of the ATC
and administrative arrangements
notified to the Textiles Monitoring
Body. However, as the ATC and all
restrictions thereunder will terminate
on January 1, 2005, no adjustment for
carryforward (borrowing from next
year's limits for use in the current year)
will be available.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January
13, 2003). Information regarding the
2004 Correlation will be published in
the *Federal Register* at a later date.

Requirements for participation in the
Special Access Program are available in
Federal Register notice 63 FR 16474,
published on April 3, 1998.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 20, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
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
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and
Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit,
effective on January 1, 2004, entry into the
United States for consumption and
withdrawal from warehouse for consumption
of cotton, wool, man-made fiber and other
vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in
the following categories, produced or
manufactured in Jamaica and exported
during the twelve-month period beginning on
January 1, 2004 and extending through

December 31, 2004, in excess of the following
levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
331pt./631pt. ¹	1,257,436 dozen pairs.
338/339/638/639	2,482,430 dozen.
340/640	1,160,849 dozen of which not more than 982,257 dozen shall be in shirts made from fabrics with two or more colors in the warp and/or the fill- ing in Categories 340-Y/640-Y ² .
341/641	1,457,670 dozen.
345/845	359,686 dozen.
347/348/647/648	2,679,473 dozen.
352/652	4,003,636 dozen.
445/446	59,144 dozen.

¹ Category 331pt.: all HTS numbers except
6116.10.1720, 6116.10.4810, 6116.10.5510,
6116.10.7510, 6116.92.6410, 6116.92.6420,
6116.92.6430, 6116.92.6440, 6116.92.7450,
6116.92.7460, 6116.92.7470, 6116.92.8800,
6116.92.9400 and 6116.99.9510; Category
631pt.: all HTS numbers except 6116.10.1730,
6116.10.4820, 6116.10.5520, 6116.10.7520,
6116.93.8800, 6116.93.9400, 6116.99.4800,
6116.99.5400 and 6116.99.9530.

² Category 340-Y: only HTS numbers
6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2046,
6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060; Category
640-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010,
6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and
6205.30.2060.

The limits set forth above are subject to
adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the
ATC and administrative arrangements
notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported
during 2003 shall be charged to the
applicable category limits for that year (*see*
directive dated October 9, 2002) 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.

Also pursuant to the ATC; and under the
terms of the Special Access Program, as set
forth in 63 FR 16474 (April 3, 1998), you are
directed to establish guaranteed access levels
for properly certified cotton, wool, man-made
fiber and other vegetable fiber textile
products in the following categories which
are assembled in Jamaica from fabric formed
and cut in the United States and re-exported
to the United States from Jamaica during the
twelve-month period which begins on
January 1, 2004 and extends through
December 31, 2004:

Category	Guaranteed access level
331pt./631pt. ¹	1,320,000 dozen pairs.
336/636	125,000 dozen.
338/339/638/ 639.	1,500,000 dozen.
340/640	300,000 dozen.
341/641	375,000 dozen.
342/642	200,000 dozen.
345/845	50,000 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648.	2,000,000 dozen.