

easily satisfied. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Rolland A. Schmitt
Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

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

Dated: April 6, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting; Change of Location

ACTION: Notice is hereby given of a change in location of the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters on April 14, 1998. This notice also contains an updated agenda for the meeting.

REFERENCE: This notice amends the original notice of open meeting published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 1998. Citation: 63 FR 15178.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at the National Association of Broadcasters, 1771 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.; Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: piac@ntia.doc.gov.

MEDIA INQUIRIES: Please contact Paige Darden at the Office of Public Affairs, at 202-482-7002.

Agenda

Tuesday, April 14

Opening remarks
Briefing on the NAB survey of
broadcasters' public service
activities
Committee deliberations
Public comment

Committee business
Closing remarks

This agenda is subject to change. For an updated, more detailed agenda, please check the Advisory Committee homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm.

Shirl Kinney,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, NTIA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Grant of Certificate of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 4,177,290: PROVIGIL

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office has issued a certificate under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,177,290.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Karin Tyson by telephone at (703) 305-9285; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box DAC, Washington, D.C. 20231; by fax marked to her attention at (703) 308-6916, or by e-mail to karin.tyson@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review. Under Section 156(e)(1), a patent is eligible for term extension only if regulatory review of the claimed product was completed before the original patent term expired.

On December 3, 1993, Section 156 was amended by Pub. L. No. 103-179 to provide that if the owner of record of the patent or its agent reasonably expects the applicable regulatory review period to extend beyond the expiration of the patent, the owner or its agent may submit an application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for an interim extension of the patent term. If the Commissioner determines that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the patent would be eligible for a statutory extension of the patent term, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant a certificate of

interim extension for a period of not more than one year. The owner of record of the patent or its agent may apply for subsequent one-year interim extensions.

On February 20, 1998, Cephalon, agent of the patent owner Laboratoire L. Lafon, filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,177,290. The patent claims the active ingredient modafinil in the human drug product "PROVIGIL." The application indicates that the product is currently undergoing a regulatory review before the Food and Drug Administration for permission to market or use the product commercially.

Review of the application suggests that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156. Since it is apparent that the regulatory review period will extend beyond the date of expiration of the patent, and interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate. Accordingly, an interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term U.S. Patent No. 4,177,290 is granted for a period of one-year from the original expiration date of the patent, March 9, 1998.

Dated: April 6, 1998.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

April 6, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 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 limits, 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 certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, carryforward, special shift, and carryover.

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 63526, published on December 1, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 6, 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 25, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998.

Effective on April 14, 1998, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
315	3,266,555 square meters.
410	70,641 square meters.
433/434	11,719 dozen.
435	11,261 dozen.
442	14,542 dozen.
443	93,566 numbers.
444	50,784 numbers.
447/448	29,627 dozen.
647	104,972 dozen.
648	82,338 dozen.

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

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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on a Request that the United States Consult with Mexico and Canada Concerning Short Supply of Certain Polyester Filament Yarns

April 6, 1998.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a request for consultations on certain polyester filament yarns.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

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 purpose of this notice is to advise the public that CITA has been petitioned to initiate consultations with Mexico and Canada under Section 7(2) of Annex 300-B of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for the purpose of amending the NAFTA rules of origin for HTS subheading 6002.43 and the subheadings in chapter 61 to allow the use of certain non-North American polyester filament yarns, described below, which are classified in HTS subheadings 5402.33, 5402.43 and 5402.52, in NAFTA originating goods.

Denier (Decitex)	Filament count	Cross section	Luster	Luster	Luster
175 (83.3)	72	Round	Semi dull		
75 (83.3)	72	Trilobal	Semi dull		
75 (83.3)	36	Round	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
75 (83.3)	36	Trilobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
75 (83.3)	36	Octolobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	12	Round	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	12	Trilobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	12	Octolobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	24	Round	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	24	Trilobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	24	Octolobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	30	Round	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	30	Trilobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	30	Octolobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	36	Round	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	36	Trilobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
40 (44.4)	36	Octolobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
50 (55.6)	24	Round	Semi dull	Bright	Dull
50 (55.6)	24	Trilobal	Semi dull	Bright	Dull