

ADDRESSES). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Fish

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Upper Columbia River (UCR) spring chinook.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead.

New Applications Received

Application 1300

USFWS requests a 5-year ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific research/enhancement permit (1300) that would authorize annual takes of adult and juvenile, listed UCR spring chinook salmon for use in a hatchery supplementation program designed to help conserve the species. The program is located at Winthrop National Fish Hatchery (NFH), at river kilometer 72 of the Methow River in Washington.

The primary goal of USFWS' proposed supplementation program is to used locally adapted spring chinook salmon to help forestall the extinction of spring chinook salmon populations in the Methow River Basin. The specific objectives of USFWS program are to: (1) phase-out the use of transplanted Carson stock spring chinook salmon at Winthrop NFH, (2) maintain and restore natural spawning populations of spring chinook salmon in the Methow River Basin, (3) increase the species' chances for long-term survival by supplementing the natural production of chinook salmon in the Methow River Basin, (4) mitigate for the loss of chinook salmon production above Grand Coulee Dam, and (5) ultimately reestablish sport and tribal fisheries for chinook salmon in the Methow River Basin. USFWS proposes to accept transfer of ESA-listed adult and jack spring chinook salmon that are collected by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Wells Dam and other locations in the Methow River Basin (under proposed permit 1196 (64 FR 6880, February 11, 1999)) and to retain ESA-listed adult and jack spring chinook salmon that return to the Winthrop NFH for broodstock. Broodstock will be held, inoculated for

diseases, and spawned at Winthrop NFH. The resulting progeny are proposed to be reared in the hatchery, tagged and/or marked with identifiers (coded wires, visual implant elastomer tags, passive integrated transponders), and released as smolts in the Methow River Basin or on-station. Hatchery smolts will be allowed to acclimate prior to their volitional emigration to the ocean. Progeny of ESA-listed UCR spring chinook spawned at Winthrop NFH may also be used in remote site incubators or outplanted as fry into the Methow River Basin. Annual incidental takes of ESA-listed UCR steelhead resulting from hatchery operations, broodstock collection, and the annual releases of juvenile fish from the program are also requested.

Dated: March 9, 2001.

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*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Potential Bilateral Textile Negotiations During 2001

March 14, 2001.

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

ACTION: Announcement.

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 categories for which consultations have been requested, 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 U.S. Government anticipates holding negotiations during 2001 concerning expiring bilateral agreements concerning certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products from Cambodia, China and Taiwan if they do not accede to the WTO this year. All three of these agreements expire on December 31, 2001.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding these agreements is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to D. Michael Hutchinson, Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Becky Geiger. 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 comment may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

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

D. Michael Hutchinson,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Oman

March 14, 2001.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2001.

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 this limit, 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.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 Categories 347/348 is being reduced for carryforward used.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 77593, published on December 12, 2000.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 14, 2001.

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 December 5, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. This directive concern imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Oman and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on March 20, 2001, you are directed to reduce the current limit for Categories 347/348 to 1,030,672 dozen¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this actions falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

March 15, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 21, 2001.

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 U.S. Customs 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 limits for certain categories are being reduced for carryforward used.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 69742, published on November 20, 2000.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 15, 2001.

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 14, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile

Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on March 21, 2001, you are directed to reduce the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
338/339	2,463,811 dozen.
342/642	692,738 dozen.
345	206,296 dozen.
347/348	2,426,970 dozen.
350	182,626 dozen.
351/651	755,568 dozen.
352/652	2,967,312 dozen.
361	2,306,865 numbers.
433	3,300 dozen.
443	39,900 numbers.
447	7,577 dozen.
634	553,817 dozen.
635	356,298 dozen.
638/639	2,531,004 dozen.
647/648	1,464,409 dozen.
Group II	
200-227, 300-326, 332, 359-O ² , 360, 362, 363, 369-O ³ , 400-414, 434-438, 440, 442, 444, 448, 459pt. ⁴ , 464, 469pt. ⁵ , 600-607, 613-629, 644, 659-O ⁶ , 666, 669-O ⁷ , 670-O ⁸ , 831, 833-838, 840-846, 850-858 and 859pt. ⁹ , as a group.	233,842,746 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

² Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025, 6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C); and 6406.99.1550 (Category 359pt.).

³ Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S); 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700 (Category 369pt.).

⁴ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

⁵ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.