

which has been dissolved in a polymerizing material or a thermoplastic polymer to determine non-destructively the extent of cure or solidification, respectively. Fluorophores can also be immobilized on the surface of the optic fiber probe window in lieu of being added to the polymerizing material. The invention also identifies a new class of suitable fluorophores.

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### International Whaling Commission; Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA makes use of a public Interagency Committee to assist in preparing for meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This notice sets forth guidelines for participating on the Committee and a tentative schedule of meetings and other important dates.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before February 15, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates of scheduled meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** Recommendations to the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC and nominations to the U.S. Delegation to the IWC should be sent to: Dr. D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230, with a copy sent to Kevin Chu, Office of International Affairs, Room 14247, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Chu or Kim Blankenkoper, Office of International Affairs, (301) 713-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the

Regulation of Whaling, 1946. This authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who, as the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC, has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce, and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and other interested agencies.

Each year, NOAA conducts a series of meetings and other actions to prepare for the annual meeting of the IWC, which is usually held in the spring or summer. The major purpose of the preparatory meetings is to provide for input in the development of policy by members of the public and non-governmental organizations interested in whale conservation. NOAA believes that this participation is important for the effective development and implementation of U.S. policy concerning whaling. Any person with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate in the meetings, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interest of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. Foreign nationals and persons who represent foreign governments may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information. Such measures are a necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practice.

The tentative schedule of meetings, including those of the IWC, and deadlines for the preparation of position papers for the 1996 Annual Meeting of the IWC is as follows:

December 13, 1995, 1 p.m.—Room 6009, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C.—Meeting of the Interagency Committee to review past events and to begin preparation for the 1996 Annual Meeting of the IWC. As with all such meetings, interested persons who are unable to attend are welcome to submit comments. Recommendations to the U.S. Commissioner should be sent to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere (see **ADDRESSES**).

February 15, 1995—Nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the Annual Meeting of the IWC are due to the U.S. Commissioner, with a copy to Kevin Chu (see **ADDRESSES**). All persons wishing to be considered pursuant to

the U.S. Commissioner's recommendation to the Department of State concerning the composition of the delegation should ensure that nominations are received by this date. Prospective Congressional advisors to the delegation should contact the Department of State directly.

March 21, 1996, 2 p.m.—Room 6009, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C.—Tentative Interagency Committee meeting date to review draft agenda of the IWC Annual Meeting and consider U.S. positions under those agenda items.

May 16, 1996, 2 p.m.—Room 6009, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C.—Tentative Interagency Committee meeting date for finalizing preparations for 1996 IWC meetings.

June 24–June 28, 1996—Aberdeen, United Kingdom—48th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

November 29, 1995.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1996.

**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 or call (202) 927-6714. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 927-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the