

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of two applications for scientific research permits (P497D and P510B).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Moscow, ID (ICFWRU) and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes at Fort Hall, ID (SBT) have applied in due form for permits to take threatened or endangered species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on either of these applications must be received on or before March 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ICFWRU and SBT request permits under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

ICFWRU (P497D) requests a 5-year permit to take adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to assess the passage success of migrating adult salmonids at the four dams and reservoirs in the lower Columbia River, evaluate specific flow and spill conditions, and evaluate measures to improve passage. Adult salmonids are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, fitted with radio transmitters and identifier tags, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Once returned to the river, the movement and migration timing of each fish will be recorded at fixed-site and mobile receiver stations as the fish migrate upstream. Primary benefits of the study will be the ability to identify areas in the fishways that are problematic for adult passage and to determine the proportion of salmonids that ultimately pass the upstream dams and enter tributaries to spawn, enter hatcheries,

are taken in fisheries, or are losses between the dams.

SBT (P510B) requests a 5-year permit to take juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with a study designed to evaluate the destiny of the ESA-listed juvenile sockeye salmon from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's captive broodstock program that were released into Pettit Lake, ID in July, 1995 under the authority of permit 795 (60 FR 37052, July 19, 1995). An evaluation of the success of this release is necessary to make management decisions on future releases of the progeny from the captive broodstock program. To estimate overwinter survival, monitor downstream migration, and calculate smolt-to-adult return rates, juvenile sockeye outmigrating from the lake each year are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, tagged with passive integrated transponders and/or weighed and measured, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see **ADDRESSES**) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on either application would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: January 31, 1996.

Russell J. Bellmer,
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

February 1, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 8, 1996.

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 or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated December 15, 1995, the Governments of the United States and Romania agreed to amend and extend their Bilateral Textile and Apparel Agreement of December 20, 1994 for three consecutive one-year periods, beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1998.

These limits may be subject to revision pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). On the date that the United States applies the Uruguay Round Agreements to Romania, the restraint limits will be modified in accordance with the ATC.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995).

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the MOU, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 1, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 15, 1995 between the Governments of the United States and Romania; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on February 8, 1996, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other

vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996, in excess of the following limits:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit ¹
Cotton Group	
200, 201, 218-220, 222-227, 229, 237, 239, 300, 301, 313-315, 317, 326, 330-342, 345, 347-354, 359-363, 369, 800, 810, 831-836, 838-840, 842-847, 850-852, 858, 859, 863, 870, 871 and 899, as a group.	57,304,381 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Cotton Group	
237	61,000 dozen.
313	1,672,255 square meters.
314	1,254,191 square meters.
315	3,018,212 square meters.
333/833	119,538 dozen.
334	288,937 dozen.
335/835	151,416 dozen.
338/339	653,477 dozen.
340	285,238 dozen.
341/840	119,538 dozen.
347/348	510,032 dozen.
350	27,000 dozen.
352	181,818 dozen.
359	652,174 kilograms.
360	1,685,400 numbers.
361	1,123,600 numbers.
369	295,821 kilograms.
810	4,180,637 square meters.
836	56,180 dozen.
847	75,000 dozen.
Group III	
431-436, 438-440, 442-448, 459, 630-654 and 659, as a group.	64,593,247 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group III	
433/434	9,262 dozen.
435	9,688 dozen.
442	11,221 dozen.
443	86,557 numbers.
444	40,804 numbers.
447/448	22,503 dozen.
459	34,019 kilograms.
633	44,199 dozen.
634	53,687 dozen.
638/639	583,311 dozen.
640	80,225 dozen.
641	34,775 dozen.
647	80,737 dozen.
648	57,746 dozen.
659	101,768 kilograms.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit ¹
Levels not in a group	
410	167,225 square meters.
465	129,600 square meters.
604	1,596,321 kilograms.
618	1,672,255 square meters.
666	116,306 kilograms.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

Imports charged to these category limits, except Categories 410, 465, 618 and 666, for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995, shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The conversion factors for the following merged categories are listed below:

Category	Conversion factor (square meters equivalent/category unit)
341/840	12.1
433/434	35.2
638/639	12.96

These limits may be subject to revision pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the Chicago Board of Trade for Designation as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on the CBOT Argentina Brady Bond Index

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in futures and futures options on the CBOT Argentina Brady Bond Index. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. Reference should be made to the CBOT Argentina Brady Bond.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Sherrod of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Exchange's proposed Brady bond contracts are based on an index representing the sovereign debt of Argentina. The SEC has been petitioned to grant the sovereign debt of Argentina exempt status under SEC Rule 240.3a12-8. The SEC published the proposed amendment to Rule 240.3a12-8 in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period on December 20, 1995. Should the SEC add the sovereign debt of Argentina to the list of exempted securities, the Commission would then be able to designate futures on such security. See Section 2(a)(1)(B)(v) of the Act.

Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5097.

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17