

significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore an environmental impact statement on the issuance of regulations authorizing an incidental take was not necessary. The incidental harassment of marine mammals by the launch of the Titan IV on May 12, 1996, was authorized under NMFS regulations issued after the 1990 EA.

Because the scope of the applicant's activity has not been modified significantly from that addressed in the earlier EA, and because the Titan IV launches during this proposed 1-year authorization is not expected to result in a sonic boom impacting NCI, a new EA is unnecessary.

*Comment 24:* What consultation has been conducted regarding the northern fur seal?

*Response:* Although the northern fur seal is listed as depleted under the MMPA, the species is not listed as either threatened or endangered under the ESA. As a result, consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not necessary for this species. Consultation has been completed for the Guadalupe fur seal, the only pinniped listed under the ESA and inhabiting the NCI. Other listed species are either not believed to be affected by launching Titan II and Titan IV rockets from Vandenberg, or are not species under the jurisdiction of NMFS.

#### Conclusion

Based upon the information provided in the proposed authorization and these comments, NMFS has determined that the short-term impact of the launching of Titan II and Titan IV rockets is expected to result at worst, in a temporary reduction in utilization of the haulout as seals, sea lions or fur seals leave the beach for the safety of the water. These launchings are not expected to result in any reduction in the number of pinnipeds, and they are expected to continue to occupy the same area. In addition, there will not be any impact on the habitat itself. Based upon studies conducted for previous space vehicle launches at Vandenberg, significant long-term impacts on pinnipeds at Vandenberg and NCI are unlikely.

Therefore, since NMFS is assured that the taking will not result in more than the harassment (as defined by the MMPA Amendments of 1994) of a small number of harbor seals, northern elephant seals, California sea lions, northern fur seals and possibly Guadalupe fur seals; would have only a negligible impact on the species, and would result in the least practicable impact on the stock, NMFS determined that the requirements of section

101(a)(5)(D) had been met and the incidental harassment authorization was issued.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

Patricia A. Montanio,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### Permits; Foreign Fishing

In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State, the National Marine Fisheries Service publishes for public review and comment summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to operate in the exclusive economic zone under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of Lithuania requesting authorization to conduct joint venture operations in 1997 in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean for Atlantic mackerel. The large stern trawler/processors BANGA and KIRAS are identified as the vessels that will receive Atlantic mackerel from U.S. vessels. Send comments on this application to:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; and/or to the Regional Fishery Management Councils listed below:

Chris Kellogg, Acting Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906, (617) 231-0422;

David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19901-6790, (302) 674-2331.

For further information contact Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2337.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

#### Cancellation of a Limit on Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

November 27, 1996.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 4, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

#### 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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The United States Government has decided to rescind the restraint on imports of woven wool shirts and blouses in Category 440 from India established on April 18, 1996, pursuant to Article 6.10 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to cancel the limit established for Category 440 for the period April 18, 1996 through April 17, 1997.

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 20, 1995). Also see 61 FR 16760, published on April 17, 1996.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 27, 1996.

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 April 11, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the period which began