

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Joseph R. Blum,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Permanent Exemption of "Fashion Samples" From Visa and Quota Requirements

April 4, 1997

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs exempting
"fashion samples" from visa and quota
requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 11, 1997

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

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).

A notice published in the **Federal
Register** on February 6, 1996 (61 FR
4418) announces a temporary
exemption from visa and quota
requirements for textile and apparel
articles described as "fashion samples."

The Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements
has determined that, effective on April
11, 1997, textile and apparel articles
described as "fashion samples" which
are produced or manufactured in
various countries and entered into the
United States for consumption shall no
longer be subject to quota and visa
requirements.

The term "fashion samples" is limited
to wearing apparel and other textile
articles purchased at retail and not
imported in multiple units, i.e., no more
than a single article in a particular style
and/or color. These shipments must not
be greater than twenty-four (24) pieces
and must accompany a returning buyer.
Mail and cargo shipments would not be

eligible for treatment as "fashion
samples."

Troy H. Cribb,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 4, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive
amends, but does not cancel, all import
control directives issued to you by the
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements. This directive also
amends, but does not cancel, all visa
arrangements for all countries for which visa
arrangements are in place with the United
States.

Effective on April 11, 1997, you are
directed to no longer require a visa for textile
and apparel articles described as "fashion
samples" which are produced or
manufactured in various countries and
entered into the United States for
consumption. Also, these textile and apparel
articles shall not be subject to existing quota.

These textile and apparel items, frequently
called buyers "fashion samples" are limited
to textile and apparel items purchased at
retail. The "fashion samples" must
accompany a buyer returning to the United
States, must not be more than a single article
in a particular style or color and must not
exceed more than 24 pieces total. Mail and
cargo shipments would not be eligible for
treatment as "fashion samples."

The Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements has determined that this
action falls within the foreign affairs
exception to 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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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, Inc. Update of Petition for Exemption From the Dual Trading Prohibition in Affected Contract Markets

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of update of petition for
exemption from the prohibition on dual
trading in affected contract markets.

SUMMARY: Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa
Exchange, Inc. ("CSCE" or "Exchange")
has submitted an update of its October
19, 1993 petition for exemption from the
prohibition against dual trading in
thirteen contract markets. Copies of the
entire file, including any future

submissions, will be available to the
public upon request, except to the
extent the Exchange has requested
confidential treatment.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the file are
available from the Office of the
Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading
Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW.,
Washington, DC 20581. Reference
should be made to the CSCE dual
trading exemption petition file.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Duane Andresen, Special Counsel, or
Evan Davis, Staff Attorney, Division of
Trading and Markets, Commodity
Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st
Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581;
telephone: (202) 418-5490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
to section 4j(a)(3) of the Commodity
Exchange Act and Regulation 155.5
thereunder, a board of trade may submit
a petition to the Commodity Futures
Trading Commission ("Commission") to
exempt any of its affected contract
markets (markets with an average daily
volume of over 8,000 contracts traded
for four consecutive quarters) from the
prohibition against dual trading.
Regulation 155.5(d)(6) authorizes the
Director of the Division of Trading and
Markets to publish notice of each
exemption petition deemed complete
under Regulation 155.5(d) and to make
the petition available to the public as
required by section 4j(a)(5) of the Act.

CSCE originally submitted a petition
for dual trading exemption on October
19, 1993. That petition was made
available to the public by a notice of
availability published in the **Federal
Register** on December 22, 1993.

Pursuant to a request from the
Commission, CSCE submitted a dual
trading exemption petition update dated
March 21, 1997 for its contract markets
in sugar #11, coffee "C" and cocoa
futures contracts and its options on
sugar #11, coffee "C" and cocoa futures
contracts.

Copies of the file containing all these
materials and any future submissions,
except to the extent the Exchange has
requested confidential treatment in
accordance with 17 CFR 145.9, are
available for inspection at the
Commission's Office of the Secretariat,
1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC
20581, and may be obtained by mail at
that address or by telephone at (202)
418-5100.

Petition materials subject to CSCE's
request for confidential treatment 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), except to the extent they are