

the take of ESA-listed adult fish associated with Study 1 is authorized annually for the duration of the permit. The take of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with Study 1 continues to be authorized for the three specific years approved by the Director of the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS in Silver Spring, MD for such take. Permit 946 expires on December 31, 1999.

Notice was published on February 28, 1997 (62 FR 9178) that an application had been filed by CZESD for modification 2 to scientific research permit 914 (P770#67). Modification 2 to permit 914 was issued to CZESD on April 25, 1997. Permit 914 authorizes CZESD annual takes of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the conduct of a dissolved gas supersaturation study in Priest Rapids Reservoir and the Hanford reach of the Columbia River, Ice Harbor Reservoir and tailrace on the Snake River, and downstream from Bonneville Dam. For modification 2 to permit 914, CZESD is authorized an increase in the take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with the dissolved gas supersaturation research. Also for modification 2, CZESD is authorized an additional annual take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a new study designed to determine whether the signs of gas bubble disease change as a result of changing hydrostatic pressures experienced by juvenile salmonids during their passage through the turbine intakes and gateways at John Day Dam on the Columbia River. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 914 expires on December 31, 1998.

Issuance of the modifications to permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested/proposed in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Competitive Technology Stimulation Experimental Program; Meeting

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Postponement of public meeting on the proposed experimental program to stimulate competitive technology (EPSCot).

SUMMARY: The open meeting that was announced at 62FR 24422, May 5, 1997 to occur on May 29, 1997 to solicit input on the proposed until further notice.

DATES: The meeting will be postponed until further notice.

ADDRESSES: The meeting was originally scheduled to be held at the National Research Center for Coal and Energy at the West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

Gary Bachula,

Deputy Under Secretary for Technology.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador

May 9, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, 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.

Effective on May 15, 1997, for goods produced or manufactured in El Salvador, a visa will no longer be required for textile products in Categories 351/651, regardless of the date of export.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 60 FR 2740, published on January 11, 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 Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 9, 1997.

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 January 6, 1995, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in El Salvador which were not properly visaed by the Government of El Salvador.

Effective on May 15, 1997, you are directed to no longer require a visa for shipments of goods in Categories 351/651 which are produced or manufactured in El Salvador regardless of the date of export.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of Defense

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision on Alaska Military Operations Areas Final Environmental Impact Statement

On March 5, 1997, the United States Air Force signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed improvements to Alaska Military Operations Areas (MOAs). The decisions rendered by the U.S. Air Force are as follows: (1) Create