

The site is about 40 nm offshore and the depth of the water at the site is 132 ft (40 m).

The fish will be monitored and fed commercially available fish pellets by a crew of technicians living on the platforms. Observations will be made of resident fish and invertebrate populations in the vicinity of the cages to assess the impact of the project. Additionally, the applicant intends to monitor disease occurrences, water and substrate quality, and possible endangered species interactions. Details of the applicant's monitoring plans are available in the application and associated correspondence (See ADDRESSES).

Based on a preliminary review, NMFS finds that this application warrants further consideration and intends to issue an EFP. A final decision on issuance of the EFP will depend on a NMFS review of public comments received on the application, conclusions of environmental analyses conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and consultations with Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council), and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Public comments are specifically requested on: The scope of potential environmental impacts of the proposal on cultured species, such as genetic dilution, habitat alteration, or disease introductions; protected species interactions; sediment quality; and water quality, including possible accumulations of chemotherapeutants such as antibiotics. Enforcement of existing prohibitions on taking of red drum, greater amberjack, and red snapper may also be affected by the proposal. The EFP may contain conditions needed to mitigate potential impacts on the cultured species and the habitats of the northern Gulf of Mexico and measures to facilitate enforcement.

The applicant requests a 26-month effective period for the EFP to accommodate two complete growout cycles (i.e., growouts from fingerlings to marketable products). Once preliminary results of the study are available, the applicant intends to ask the Council to amend the FMPs to accommodate longterm or permanent uses of red drum and reef fish in commercial offshore aquaculture operations.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 2, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,
 Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
 National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

July 7, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing import limits and Guaranteed Access Levels.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 10, 1997.

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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for special shift and swing.

Upon the request of the Government of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for certain textile products.

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 62 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 65375, published on December 12, 1996.

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

July 7, 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 December 6, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on July 10, 1997, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
338/638	872,300 dozen.
339/639	965,642 dozen.
342/642	491,793 dozen
351/651	1,027,597 dozen.
433	22,898 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

The Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for Categories 342/642, 351/651 and 433 remain unchanged. You are directed to increase the current GALs for the following categories:

Category	Guaranteed Access Level
338/638	3,150,000 dozen.
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347/348/647/648	8,550,000 dozen.
444	70,000 numbers.
633	160,000 dozen.

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,
 Troy H. Cribb,
 Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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