

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 978, issued to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, Newport, Oregon 97365, was amended effective on March 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115 (206/526-6150).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Hochman, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

By letter of February 9, 1998, the Oregon Coast Aquarium (Aquarium) and the Free Willy Keiko Foundation (Foundation) jointly requested that the public display permit issued on September 25, 1995, to the Oregon Coast Aquarium be amended to change the Permit Holder from the Aquarium to the Foundation. NMFS reviewed this request along with supporting documentation and determined that: (1) The Foundation has the responsibility for and the authority to determine the disposition of "Keiko"; (2) the Foundation meets the three criteria for holding marine mammals for purposes of public display; (3) for Marine Mammal Inventory purposes, the holder of record of "Keiko" should be the Foundation; and (4) it was appropriate to amend the permit to change the Permit Holder from the Aquarium to the Foundation.

This amendment of Permit No. 978 is considered a "minor amendment"

under 50 CFR 216.39(a)(2) and, therefore, publication of this **Federal Register** notice is not required. However, NMFS determined that, in this case where a change in Permit Holder is involved, a notice is appropriate. This notice should not be perceived as a precedent concerning other minor amendments.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Art Jeffers,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS
Amendment of Visa and Certification Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador

March 24, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 1998.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Effective on March 27, 1998, textile products in Categories 352/652, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported on or after March 27, 1998 will no longer require a visa. In addition, products in Categories 352/652 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also

see 60 FR 2740, published on January 11, 1995.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 24, 1998.

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 March 27, 1998, you are directed to no longer require a visa for shipments of textile products in Categories 352/652 which are produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported on or after March 27, 1998. In addition, products in Categories 352/652 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS
Amendment of Visa and Certification Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Honduras

March 24, 1998.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 1998.

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