

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*

Dated: August 4, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 073198A]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 939

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970-9701, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 939.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 10, 1998.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

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

The Permit Holder is currently authorized to flipper tag and/or mark up to 2,900 Northern elephant seals

(*Mirounga angustirostris*) on the South Farallon Islands and at Point Reyes National Seashore annually, over a five-year period; and inadvertently harass up to 100 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), 1,200 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) and 70 northern sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) during the tagging activities, and during opportunistic collection of dead prematurely born northern sea lion pups.

The Holder is now requesting that the Permit be amended to authorize: Roto-tagging of up to 50 harbor seals at Point Reyes Headland, California; dye marking of up to 100 harbor seals per year in San Francisco Bay; and blood sampling of up to 25 harbor seals per year at those locations. Authorization is also requested to inadvertently harass up to 500 harbor seals per year during the tagging, marking, and blood sampling activities.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 3, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bangladesh

August 4, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, 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: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special shift, carryover, carryforward and recrediting unused carryforward from 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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 62564, published on November 24, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 4, 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 November 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Bangladesh and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on August 13, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
237	547,021 dozen.
331	1,364,879 dozen pairs.
334	181,464 dozen.
335	213,147 dozen.
336/636	433,201 dozen.
338/339	1,385,856 dozen.
340/640	3,350,905 dozen.
341	2,218,700 dozen.
342/642	482,811 dozen.
347/348	2,846,760 dozen.
352/652	10,639,243 dozen.
363	25,524,981 numbers.
634	557,155 dozen.
635	381,108 dozen.
638/639	1,757,519 dozen.
641	1,040,329 dozen.
645/646	441,466 dozen.
647/648	1,469,011 dozen.
847	384,855 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.