

Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 99-033. *Applicant:* U.S. Department of Energy, Ames, IA 50011-3020. *Instrument:* UHV Surface Analysis System, Model Multiprobe S. *Manufacturer:* Omicron Vakuum Physik GmbH, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 65 FR 284, January 4, 2000.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Reasons: The foreign instrument provides an ultra-high vacuum chamber with compatible scanning tunneling, scanning electron and scanning Auger microscopes with the following: (1) An operating temperature of 50 to 1500 degrees K, (2) adequate internal and external vibration isolation and (3) a sample manipulator that can be heated or cooled. A university center for advanced microstructural devices and the National Institute of Standards and Technology advise that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use (comparable case).

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022500A]

Atlantic Tunas Vessel Permits; Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments

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

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), NOAA is responsible for management of the nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act as amended (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects information via landings reports, logbooks and surveys to monitor the U.S. catch of Atlantic tunas in relation to applicable quotas and to provide catch and effort information for stock assessment, thereby ensuring that the United States complies with its international obligations to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Permit applications allow NMFS to determine who will be subject to reporting requirements and provides the information needed to send outreach materials and information on the domestic and international regulations to affected fishermen. For example, NMFS periodically distributes compliance guides on size limits, area closures, fishing seasons, and regional quotas for the Atlantic tunas fisheries.

The information obtained through permitting provides NMFS with telephone and mailing lists to obtain data necessary to assess the status of the Atlantic tuna resources and regulatory impacts on the commercial and recreational fishing sectors. Additionally, permit lists provide essential information for domestic management policy and rulemaking. Finally, permit numbers are used to identify vessels whose operators report bluefin tuna landings to NMFS via an automated landings reporting system accessible toll free by touch tone telephone.

II. Method of Collection

Recreational and commercial fishermen who fish for or retain any regulated Atlantic tunas (bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, skipjack and bluefin) are required to obtain a vessel permit. The permit fee is \$25.00 and the permit is valid for the fishing year of issuance. Permit applications can be obtained via mail, fax or can be printed off of the Internet. When paying by credit card, vessel owners may quickly renew permits via an automated system accessible toll free by touch tone telephone or over the Internet. Completed permits may be mailed or faxed back to vessel owners, as requested, or printed directly off the Internet.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0327.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals (private anglers) and business or other for-profit (charter boat operators and commercial fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6 minutes for automated telephone renewals, 30 minutes for new permit applications.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$625,000 (including permit fees).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Participation in the Special Access Program

February 24, 2000.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending participation in the Special Access Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2000.

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

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. P=04'≤

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that OshKosh B'Gosh has violated the requirements for participation in the Special Access Program, and has suspended OshKosh B'Gosh from participation in the Program for the period March 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000.

Through the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published below, CITA directs the Commissioner to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of OshKosh B'Gosh during the period March 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000, and to prohibit entry by or on behalf of OshKosh B'Gosh under the Program of products manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during that period.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474, published on April 3, 1998.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 24, 2000.

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

Dear Commissioner: The purpose of this directive is to notify you that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has suspended OshKosh B'Gosh from participation in the Special Access Program for the period March 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000. You are therefore directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of OshKosh B'Gosh during the period March 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000. You are further directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of OshKosh B'Gosh manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during the period March 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000.

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Participation in the Special Access Program

February 24, 2000.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending participation in the Special Access Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2000.

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

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. P=04'≤

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that Quitman Manufacturing has violated the

requirements for participation in the Special Access Program, and has suspended Quitman Manufacturing from participation in the Program for the period March 20, 2000 through June 19, 2000.

Through the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published below, CITA directs the Commissioner to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of Quitman Manufacturing during the period March 20, 2000 through June 19, 2000, and to prohibit entry by or on behalf of Quitman Manufacturing under the Program of products manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during that period.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474, published on April 3, 1998.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 24, 2000.

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

Dear Commissioner: The purpose of this directive is to notify you that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has suspended Quitman Manufacturing from participation in the Special Access Program for the period March 20, 2000 through June 19, 2000. You are therefore directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of Quitman Manufacturing during the period March 20, 2000 through June 19, 2000. You are further directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of Quitman Manufacturing manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during the period March 20, 2000 through June 19, 2000.

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on a Request That the United States Consult With Mexico and Canada Concerning a Certain Filament Viscose Rayon Yarn

February 24, 2000.

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