

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of conference call.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will conduct a telephone conference call of the Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Advisory Panel to discuss the BRD Testing Protocol Manual. Conference stations will be established at NMFS Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL, Georgia Department of Natural Resources in Brunswick, GA and at the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) office in Charleston, SC.

DATES: The telephone conference call is scheduled for September 5, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Conference station locations will be located at the following locations:

1. NMFS Southeast Regional Office at 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL; telephone: (727) 570-5305;

2. Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, One Conservation Way, Suite 300, Brunswick, GA; telephone: (912) 264-7218;

3. South Atlantic Council office, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC; telephone: (843) 571-4366.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Participants in the conference call will have an opportunity to comment on the latest version of the BRD Testing Protocol Manual that includes modifications suggested by the BRD Advisory Panel, NMFS and the Council. Copies of the BRD Testing Protocol Manual can be obtained by contacting the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this conference call. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This conference call is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 31, 2000.

Dated: August 15, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Secrecy/License To Export

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 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 October 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Thao P. Nguyen, Acting Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231, by telephone (703) 308-7397.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Robert J. Spar, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Washington, DC 20231, by telephone number (703) 305-9285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

In the interest of national security, patent laws and rules place certain limitations on the disclosure of information contained in patents and patent applications and on the filing of applications for patents in foreign countries. The USPTO collects information to determine whether the patent laws and rules have been

complied with, and to grant or revoke licenses to file abroad when appropriate. This collection of information is required by 35 USC 181-188 and administered through 37 CFR Ch. 1, part 5, 5.1-5.33.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand carry when the applicant or agent files a patent application with the USPTO, submits subsequent papers during the prosecution of the application to the USPTO, or submits a request for a foreign filing license for a patent application to be filed abroad before the filing of a United States patent application.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0034.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal Government; and state, local or tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,858 total responses per year. Of this total, 2 per year for permit to disclose or modify secrecy order; 4 per year for petition for rescission of secrecy order; 0 per year for general and group permits; 1,625 per year for petition for foreign filing license without a corresponding application on file; 128 per year for petition for foreign filing license on a corresponding application on file; and 99 per year for a petition for retroactive license.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated to take 2.0 hours for permit to disclose or modify secrecy order; 3.0 hours for permit for rescission of secrecy order; 1.0 hours for general and group permits; 0.5 hours each for foreign filing license; petition for foreign filing license without a corresponding United States application, and petition for license with a corresponding United States patent; and 4.0 hours for a petition for retroactive license.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 1,289 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance expenditures are required). Using the professional hourly rate of \$175 for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates \$225,575 per year for salary costs associated with respondents.

| Item | Estimated time for response (HOURS) | Estimated annual burden hours | Estimated annual responses |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Permit to Disclose or Modify Secrecy Order | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Permit for Rescission of Secrecy Order | 3 | 12 | 4 |
| General and Group Permits | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Foreign Filing License: Petition for License no corresponding patent application | 0.5 | 813 | 1,625 |
| Foreign Filing License: Petition for License for corresponding patent application | 0.5 | 64 | 128 |
| Petition for Retroactive License | 4 | 396 | 99 |
| Totals | | 1,289 | 1,858 |

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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: August 15, 2000.

Thao P. Nguyen,

Acting Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bulgaria

August 15, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 22, 2000.

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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, 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 for swing and carryover.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 50494, published on September 17, 1999.

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 15, 2000.

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 September 13, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Bulgaria and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on August 22, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for in the agreement between the Governments of the United States and Bulgaria:

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹ |
|---------------|--|
| 410/624 | 2,941,686 square meters. |
| 433 | 15,942 dozen. |
| 448 | 32,848 dozen. |

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

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,

Richard B. Steinkamp,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Colombia

August 15, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, call (202) 482-3715.

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