

invertebrates and marine fish from Federal waters off South Carolina for public display. This EFP would extend an approved EFP that expired on June 30, 2000, through June 2002.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on September 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application must be mailed to Peter Eldridge, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Comments also may be sent via fax to 727-570-5583. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Eldridge, 727-570-5305; fax 727-570-5583; e-mail: peter.eldridge@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b), concerning exempted fishing.

According to the applicant, the South Carolina Aquarium (SCA), located in Charleston, is a public, non-profit, self-supporting institution devoted to the understanding and conservation of South Carolina's natural aquatic habitats and is a major educational and conservation institution with free admission to school children in groups and extensive field study and outreach programs. The collected specimens will be maintained in the SCA for public display.

The applicant intends, over a period of 2 years, to collect for public display an average of 25 specimens each of 76 species of marine invertebrates and 221 species of marine fish from the EEZ off South Carolina, using a variety of fishing gears and the fish anesthetic, quinaldine.

The proposed collection for public display involves activities otherwise prohibited by regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plans for Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hard Bottom Habitats, Golden Crab, Shrimp, Spiny Lobster, Red Drum, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Calico Scallop, and Snapper-Grouper Fisheries of the South Atlantic Region (FMPs). The applicant requires authorization to harvest and possess corals, live rock, golden crab, rock shrimp, red drum, wreckfish, Nassau grouper, warsaw grouper, and jewfish taken from the EEZ off South Carolina.

In addition, authorization is required to use quinaldine in a coral area and to possess spiny lobster, bluefish, cobia, king and Spanish mackerel, groupers and snappers, greater amberjack, hogfish and red porgy below the minimum size limit, in excess of established bag limits, or taken with prohibited gear.

The applicant also intends to collect a large number of species that are either not subject to Federal fishery management in the South Atlantic Region or are management unit species under FMPs that contain no management measures restricting possession or harvest. The applicant was referred to NMFS' Highly Migratory Species Division for authorization to collect highly migratory species such as sharks and tunas for public display.

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 South Carolina, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The applicant requests a 24-month effective period for the EFP.

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

Dated: August 24, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

August 25, 2000

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 31, 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 carryforward and special shift.

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 50495, 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 25, 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 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, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on August 31, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
338/638	1,213,444 dozen.
339/639	1,315,889 dozen.
347/348/647/648	2,926,912 dozen of which not more than 1,356,395 dozen shall be in Categories 647/648.

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, Wool and Man-Made Fiber
 Textile Products Produced or
 Manufactured in Hong Kong**

August 24, 2000
AGENCY: Committee for the
 Implementation of Textile Agreements
 (CITA).
ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
 Commissioner of Customs reducing
 limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 30, 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](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 reduced for
 carryforward used.
 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 67253, published on
 December 1, 1999.

Richard B. Steinkamp,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
 Implementation of Textile Agreements.*
**Committee for the Implementation of Textile
 Agreements**
 August 24, 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 November 23, 1999, by the
 Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
 of Textile Agreements. That directive
 concerns imports of certain cotton, wool,
 man-made fiber, silk blend and other
 vegetable fiber textiles and textile products,
 produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and
 exported during the twelve-month period
 which began on January 1, 2000 and extends
 through December 31, 2000.
 Effective on August 30, 2000, you are
 directed to reduce the limits for the following
 categories, as provided for under the Uruguay
 Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevel in Group I 218/225/317/326	76,389,084 square meters of which not more than 4,249,239 square meters shall be in Category 218(1) ² .
Sublevels in Group II 338/339 ³ (shirts and blouses other than tank tops and tops, knit). 338/339(1) ⁴ (tank tops and knit tops). 352	2,964,343 dozen.
445/446	2,217,659 dozen.
647	7,688,457 dozen.
Within Group II Sub- group 351	1,365,639 dozen.
	605,063 dozen.
	1,202,177 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to ac-
 count for any imports exported after December
 31, 1999.
² Category 218(1): all HTS numbers except
 5209.42.0060, 5209.42.0080, 5211.42.0060,
 5211.42.0080, 5514.32.0015 and
 5516.43.0015.
³ Category 338/339: all HTS numbers ex-
 cept 6109.10.0018, 6109.10.0023,
 6109.10.0060, 6109.10.0065, 6114.20.0005
 and 6114.20.0010.
⁴ Category 338/339(1): only HTS numbers
 6109.10.0018, 6109.10.0023, 6109.10.0060,
 6109.10.0065, 6114.20.0005 and
 6114.20.0010.

The Committee for the Implementation of
 Textile Agreements has determined that
 these actions fall within the foreign affairs
 exception to 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 an Import Limit for
 Certain Cotton Textile Products
 Produced or Manufactured in Nepal**
 August 24, 2000
AGENCY: Committee for the
 Implementation of Textile Agreements
 (CITA).
ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
 Commissioner of Customs increasing a
 limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 31, 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 this limit, 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 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 limit for Category 340 is
 being increased for carryforward.
 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 54871, published on October
 8, 1999.

Richard B. Steinkamp,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
 Implementation of Textile Agreements.*
**Committee for the Implementation of Textile
 Agreements**
 August 24, 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 October 4, 1999, by the
 Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
 of Textile Agreements. This directive concern
 imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber
 textile products, produced or manufactured
 in Nepal and exported during the twelve-
 month period which began on January 1,
 2000 and extends through December 31,
 2000.
 Effective on August 31, 2000, you are
 directed to increase the current limit for