

Scope of Reviews*In-Shell Pistachios*

The product covered by this new shipper review is in-shell pistachio nuts from which the hulls have been removed, leaving the inner hard shells and edible meat, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS) under item number 0802.50.20.00. The written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Roasted In-Shell Pistachios

The product covered by this new shipper review is all roasted in-shell pistachio nuts, whether roasted in Iran or elsewhere, from which the hull has been removed, leaving the inner hard shells and the edible meat, as currently classifiable in the HTSUS under item number 0802.50.20.00. The written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Analysis of Programs*Programs Preliminarily Determined To Be Not Used*

Based on the information supplied by Nima, we preliminarily determine that the programs listed below were not used during the POR. For further discussion of the Export Certificate Voucher Program, see the August 27, 2002, memorandum from the team to Melissa G. Skinner, Director, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, a public document, which is on file in room B-099 of the Central Records Unit located in the Main Commerce building.

- A. *Export Certificate Voucher Program*
- B. *Price Supports and/or Guaranteed Purchase of All Production*
- C. *Provision of Fertilizer and Machinery*
- D. *Provision of GOI Credit*
- E. *Tax Exemptions*
- F. *Provision of Water and Irrigation*
- G. *Technical Assistance from the GOI*
- H. *Duty Refunds on Imported Raw or Intermediate Materials Used in the Production of Export Goods*
- I. *Program to Improve Quality of Exports of Dried Fruit*

Preliminary Results of New Shipper Reviews

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Act, we determined an individual rate for each manufacturer of the subject merchandise participating in these new shipper reviews. We preliminarily determine the total estimated net countervailable subsidy rates to be:

IN-SHELL PISTACHIOS

Producer/exporter	Net subsidy rate
Tehran Negah-Nima Trading Company.	0.00 percent <i>ad valorem</i> .

ROASTED IN-SHELL PISTACHIOS

Producer/exporter	Net subsidy rate
Tehran Negah-Nima Trading Company.	0.00 percent <i>ad valorem</i> .

As provided for in the Act and 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1) of the Department's Regulations, any rate less than 0.5 percent *ad valorem* in a new shipper review is *de minimis*. Accordingly, if the *Final Results* of these new shipper reviews remain the same as these *Preliminary Results*, no customs duties will be assessed. The Department will instruct Customs to liquidate without regard to countervailing duties, shipments of the subject merchandise (e.g., in-shell and roasted in-shell pistachios from Iran) for Nima entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 1, 2000 and on or before September 30, 2001. Also, the cash deposit rates will be set at zero for this company. The Department will issue appropriate appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service within 15 days of publication of the final results of review.

Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.310, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on these *Preliminary Results*. Any such hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held 37 days from the date of publication of these *Preliminary Results*, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Individuals who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Requests for a public hearing should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and, (3) to the extent practicable, an identification of the arguments to be raised at the hearing. Parties may file case briefs pursuant to

19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii). Six copies of the business proprietary version and six copies of the non-proprietary version of the case briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 30 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination. As part of the case brief, parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Parties may also submit rebuttal briefs pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d). Six copies of the business proprietary version and six copies of the non-proprietary version of the rebuttal briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 5 days from the date of filing of the case briefs. An interested party may make an affirmative presentation only on arguments included in that party's case or rebuttal briefs. Further written arguments should be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309 and will be considered if received within the time limits specified above.

These determinations are issued and published pursuant to sections 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: August 27, 2002.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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

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Marine Mammals; File No. 939-1682

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Michael Moore, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543, has applied in due form for a permit to collect, import and export parts from all cetaceans and pinniped species (excluding walrus) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before October 4, 2002.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to examine parameters that affect the health of marine mammals in terms of body condition and exposure to, and effects of, hydrocarbon contaminants. The applicant requests opportunistic collection of samples from deceased stranded marine mammals, subsequent export/re-import of those samples and authorization to import/re-export marine mammal parts taken from captive stocks, direct and indirect take in fisheries, found dead at sea or beached, found dead by natural causes or taken under a permit by biopsy. No animals will be deliberately killed to fulfill samples requested by the applicant.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, 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.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no

later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

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 29, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; extension of solicitation period for applications for NTIS Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) is extending the solicitation period for seeking qualified Candidates to serve as members of its Advisory Board (Board). The Board will meet semiannually to advise the Secretary of Commerce, the Under Secretary for Technology, and the Director of NTIS on NTIS's mission, general policies and fee structure.

DATES: Applications must be received no later than December 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to Ronald E. Lawson, Director, NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter L. Finch, (703) 605-6507 or via e-mail at wfinch@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) issued a Federal Register notice on May 30, 2002 (67 FR 37778) seeking five qualified candidates to serve as members of its Advisory Board, one of whom will also be designated chairperson. The Board was established pursuant to Section 3704b(c) of Title 15, United States Code. It will meet semiannually to advise the Secretary of Commerce, the Under Secretary for Technology, and the Director of NTIS on NTIS's mission, general policies and fee structure. Members will be appointed by the Secretary and will serve for three-year terms. They will receive no

compensation but will be authorized travel and per diem expenses. NTIS is seeking candidates who can provide guidance on trends in the information industry and changes in the way NTIS's customers acquire and use its products and services. Interested candidates were given until August 28, 2002 to express their interest by submitting a resume and a statement explaining their interest in serving on the Board.

In order to widen the pool of candidates and to provide candidates greater time to submit their expression of interest, NTIS is extending the solicitation period until December 3, 2002.

Dated: August 27, 2002.

Ronald E. Lawson,

Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Sublimit for Certain Cotton Textiles Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

August 28, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 4, 2002.

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 Web site at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel Web site at <http://www.otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 sublimit for Category 326 is being increased for carryforward. The limit for Categories 317/326 does not change.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the