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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) and its Ad-Hoc Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Act Committee; Executive Committee; Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee, and its Demersal Species Committee meeting as a Council Committee of the Whole will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 6, through Thursday, May 8, 2003. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel New York at Times Square, 270 West 43rd Street, New York, NY; telephone: 212-201-2700.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Tuesday, May 6, the Ad-Hoc Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Wednesday, May 7, the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The MAFMC will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Thursday, May 8, the MAFMC will meet from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: review most recent Council Chairmen's position on Magnuson-Stevens Act, review most recent MAFMC's position on Magnuson-Stevens Act, review input received on Magnuson-Stevens Act; the Executive Committee will review status of Council Request for Proposal (RFP) re audit of 1999, 2000, and 2001 operations; the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will discuss implications of limited access in herring fishery, discuss limited access system for Atlantic mackerel, discuss possible coordination mechanisms for joint approach to limited access; the Council will review staff's recommendations regarding adoption of public hearing document for Amendment 9 to the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and approve public hearing document for adoption of Amendment 9; presentation of NOAA Environmental Hero Award to Phil Ruhle; discuss and approve actions to be included in Framework 3 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP, discuss Amendment 14 possibilities, discuss and develop a MAFMC position regarding the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Addendum VIII, and discuss previous Council motion regarding vessel/power upgrade; hear a presentation on the NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center Observer Program; receive and discuss

organizational and committee reports including Protected Resources, Executive Committee actions, New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting; South Atlantic Council's report; and, Highly Migratory Species (HMS) issues. Act on any continuing and/or new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 actions to address such emergencies.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 16, 2003.

**Matteo J. Milazzo,**

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Designations Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)**

April 16, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (Committee) has determined that certain knitted outer fusible material with a fold line that is knitted into the fabric (as described in the attached Annex I, item (1) and a knitted inner fusible material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating (as described in the attached Annex I, item (2), both classified under item 5903.90.2500 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

(HTSUS), for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Committee hereby designates apparel articles from these fabrics as eligible for quota-free and duty-free treatment under the textile and apparel commercial availability provisions of the CBTPA and eligible under HTSUS subheadings 9819.11.24 or 9820.11.27, to enter free of quota and duties, provided that all other fabrics are wholly in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard P. Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 211 of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA), amending Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA); Presidential Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000; Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

**BACKGROUND:**

The commercial availability provision of the CBTPA provides for duty-free and quota-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary CBTPA country from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary CBTPA country if it has been determined that such yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and certain procedural requirements have been met. In Presidential Proclamation 7351, the President proclaimed that this treatment would apply to apparel articles from fabrics or yarn designated by the appropriate U.S. government authority in the Federal Register. In Executive Order 13191, the President authorized the Committee to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

On December 12, 2002 the Chairman of the Committee received a petition from Levi Strauss and Co. alleging that the waistband fabrics described in Annex I, for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting quota- and duty-free treatment under the CBTPA for apparel articles that are both cut and sewn in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics. On December 19, 2002, the Committee requested public comments on the

petition (67 FR 244). On January 5, 2003, the Committee and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) sought the advice of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Wholesaling and Retailing and the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Textiles and Apparel. On January 5, 2003, the Committee and USTR offered to hold consultations with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate. On January 23, 2003, the U.S. International Trade Commission provided advice on the petition. Based on the information and advice received and its understanding of the industry, the Committee determined that the fabric set forth in the petition cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On February 10, 2003, the Committee and USTR submitted a report to the Congressional Committees that set forth the action proposed, the reasons for such action, and advice obtained. A period of 60 calendar days since this report was submitted has expired.

The Committee hereby designates as eligible for preferential treatment under HTSUS subheading 9820.11.27, apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more eligible CBTPA beneficiary countries, from a knitted outer-fusible material with a fold line that is knitted into the fabric (as described in the attached Annex I, item1) and a knitted inner-fusible material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating (as described in the attached Annex I, item2), both classified under HTSUS subheading 5903.90.2500, not formed in the United States, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States, and that such articles are imported directly into the customs territory of the United States from an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country. An "eligible CBTPA beneficiary country" means a country which the President has designated as a CBTPA beneficiary country under section 213(b)(5)(B) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(5)(B)) and which has been the subject of a finding, published in the Federal Register, that the country has satisfied the requirements of section 213(b)(4)(A)(ii) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(4)(A)(ii)) and resulting in the enumeration of such country in U.S.

note 1 to subchapter XX of Chapter 98 of the HTSUS.

**James C. Leonard III,**  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

ANNEX I

1. A knitted outer-fusible material with a fold line that is knitted into the fabric. The fabric is a 45mm wide base substrate, knitted in narrow width, synthetic fiber based (made of 49% polyester / 43% elastomeric filament / 8% nylon with a weight of 4.4 oz., a 110/110 stretch, and a dull yarn), stretch elastomeric material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating. The 45mm width is divided as follows: 34mm solid, followed by a 3mm seam allowing it to fold over, followed by 8mm of solid.
2. A knitted inner-fusible material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating that is applied after going through a finishing process to remove all shrinkage from the product. The fabric is a 40mm synthetic fiber based stretch elastomeric fusible consisting of 80% nylon type 6/20% elastomeric filament with a weight of 4.4 oz., a 110/110 stretch, and a dull yarn.

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Commission Agenda and Priorities/ Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); Public Hearing**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 2005, which begins October 1, 2004, and about its draft strategic plan, to be submitted to Congress September 30, 2003, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2005, and strategic plan will become part of the public record.

**DATES:** The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2003. Written comments and requests from members of the public desiring to make oral presentations must be received by the Office of the Secretary not later than May 27, 2003. Persons desiring to make oral presentations at this hearing must submit a written text of their