

property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: June 24, 2004.

Helen Hurcombe,

*Director Acquisition and Grants Office,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062304B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 19, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., July 20 and July 21, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Room 2039, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wilson, Council; telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will begin at 1 pm on Monday, July 19. The committee will discuss the following issues and develop recommendations for the Council to consider in October:

(1) Aleutian Islands Steller Sea Lion (SSL) Protection Measures, (2) Development of Analytical Tools for Evaluating Fishery/SSL Interactions, (3) Vessel Monitoring System requirements in Alaskan Groundfish Fisheries.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those

issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 24, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061604D]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of a request for exempted fishing permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of a request for exempted fishing permits (EFPs) for tuna purse seine vessels to transfer purse seine caught bluefin tuna (BFT) to a towed cage for the purposes of examining premature shedding of pop-up satellite tags, investigating alternative harvesting methods, and gathering information on how delayed landing of purse seine captured BFT impacts market prices. NMFS invites comments from interested parties on potential concerns should these EFPs be issued.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed exempted fishing activity must be received no later than July 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Email: ID061604D@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line the following identifier: I.D. 061604D.

- Mail: Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management

Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

- Fax: (301)713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Stirratt, phone: 301-713-2347; fax: 301-713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EFPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity with respect to Atlantic HMS.

Several operators of permitted Atlantic tuna purse seine vessels, a transfer vessel, and a holding vessel have requested exemptions from certain regulations applicable to the harvest and landing of BFT in order to conduct research on BFT in the Gulf of Maine area. Specifically, the permitted purse seine vessels propose to transfer BFT that they catch to a cage towed by the holding vessel, and tag the BFT with pop-up tags to investigate premature tag shedding. During the course of the tagging study, approximately 20 BFT may be harvested per day to investigate characteristics of tagging sites and tag retention, and to investigate the economic impact of delayed landings in the purse seine fishery. BFT would be harvested from the cage using experimental gears including a diver and/or electric speargun and would be transported to port via a transfer vessel. The holding and transfer vessels may not have Atlantic tunas permits, thus landings and other reporting procedures may need to be altered to account for the delayed harvesting operations. The applicants state that delayed landing of the harvested fish could enhance marketing opportunities and prices by coordinating landings with strong market activity. According to the applicants, these operations may benefit all U.S. commercial BFT fishing categories by improving scientific data available for BFT management and avoiding the market gluts experienced in recent years.

The applicants also request an exemption to allow permitted Atlantic tunas purse seine vessels participating in the experiment to exceed the 15-percent tolerance level for incidental catch of bluefin tuna between 73 and 81 inches (185 and 206 cm). In their request, the applicants state that the current 15 percent tolerance for fish below 81 inches (206 cm) could be a restrictive factor limiting the success of the experiment. The applicants note that

in recent years mixed schools of giant and large medium bluefin tuna have been prevalent, particularly early in the season, which is the time period proposed for the experiment. In the event that such conditions persist in 2004, the applicants believe that the experiment could potentially result in greater mortality to smaller fish necessitating relief from the tolerance level for the remainder of the season.

The regulations that would prohibit the proposed activities include requirements to use authorized gear (50 CFR 635.21); prohibition of BFT transfer at sea (50 CFR 635.29); vessel fishing permits (50 CFR 635.4); and prohibition of approaching within 100 feet of a purse seine vessel while gear is deployed (50 CFR 635.71). In addition, certain reporting requirements may be adjusted to allow for the delayed landing of purse seine harvested fish.

NMFS invites comments from interested parties on potential concerns should these EFPs be issued.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: June 24, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Scope of Import Limit for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Belarus

June 24, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, amending the scope of the import limit for Category 622-N.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004.

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 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer

to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://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.

On January 10, 2003, the Governments of the United States and Belarus entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, which called for a sublimit on Category 622-N. As the United States and Belarus were not able to reach agreement on the terms of this sublimit, on March 5, 2004 the Chairman of CITA directed Customs and Border Protection to impose a sublimit on Category 622-N pending agreement with the Government of Belarus on its terms, noting that this sublimit might be revised if the Governments of the United States and Belarus reached agreement on the terms of the sublimit.

In a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 13, 2004, the Governments of the United States and Belarus agreed to the terms of the sublimit for Category 622-N. Effective on July 1, 2004, the interagency Committee for the Statistical Annotation of the Tariff Schedule amended the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) with respect to the statistical subheadings covered by Category 622-N.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection to amend the HTSUS subheadings covered by Category 622-N to implement the May 13, 2004 Memorandum of Understanding.

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 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004). See also 69 FR 10429, published on March 5, 2004.

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 24, 2004.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on March 1, 2004, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain man-made fiber textile products in Category 622-N, produced or manufactured in Belarus and exported

during the period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

To implement and monitor provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) reached with the Government of Belarus dated May 13, 2004, you are directed, effective on July 1, 2004, to amend the restriction on Category 622-N set forth in the above-referenced directive by amending the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) numbers subject to Category 622-N as follows:

HTSUS Change

Category 622-N

7019.52.40.20 becomes 7019.52.40.21
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The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 04-C0004]

GROUPE SEB USA f/k/a Krups North America, Inc., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 11118.20. Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with GROUPE SEB USA f/k/a Krups North America, Inc., containing a civil penalty of \$500,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by July 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 04-C0004, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.