Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2140, phone: (301) 975–4016 or e-mail *nvlap.voting@nist.gov.* Information regarding NVLAP and the accreditation process can also be viewed at *http://www.nist.gov/nvlap.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–252) was signed into law by President Bush on October 29, 2002. Section 231 of the HAVA requires the Director of NIST to provide for the accreditation of laboratories that conduct testing on the hardware and software of voting systems. In response to the HAVA, the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) is establishing a program for laboratories that test voting systems.

NVLAP accreditation criteria is established in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR, Title 15, Part 285), NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements. Laboratories conducting this testing will be required to meet ISO/IEC International Standard 17025, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories, the 2002 Voting System Standards, and any other criteria deemed necessary by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). For each new laboratory accreditation program (LAP), NVLAP works with the affected testing community to develop program-specific technical requirements. These requirements tailor the general accreditation criteria referenced in Sections 4 and 5 of NIST Handbook 150 to the tests and services in the new LAP. Program-specific requirements include the details of the Scope of Accreditation, test and measurement equipment, personnel requirements, validation of test methods, and reporting of test results.

PRA Clearance

This action contains a collection of information requirements subject to review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Collection activities for the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0693–0003. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Executive Order 12866

This action has been determined to be not significant under Executive Order 12866.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

Hratch G. Semerjian,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032404G]

Endangered Species; File No. 1444

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maryland Fisheries Resource Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 (Michael Mangold, principal investigator) has been issued a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (Acipenser brevirosturm) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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 Jefferies or Tammy Adams, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 9, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register**(68 FR 53140) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

USFWS will be authorized to sample and track shortnose sturgeon in the Potomac River. Annually, up to 50 fish will be taken via gill nets, measured, weighed, PIT tagged, tissue sampled, and the fish subsequently released. A subset of 20 fish annually will also be T-bar and CART tagged and have a temperature/depth datalogger attached. Additionally, the researchers will use D-traps to collect up to 2500 shortnose sturgeon eggs annually. This permit will be authorized for five years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 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 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 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 Web site 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.

The current limits for certain categories are being increased for the

recrediting of unused carryforward applied in 2003 and for carryforward from new 2005 quotas. The U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Textile Agreement was extended through December 31, 2005, on July 22, 2004. 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). *Also see* 68 FR 69673, published on December 15, 2003.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 10, 2003, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Vietnam and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004, and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on July 28, 2004, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and Vietnam:

Category	Restraint limit [1]
200	181,411 kilograms.
301	616,444 kilograms.
332	251,589 dozen pairs.
333	26,346 dozen.
334/335	747,379 dozen.
338/339	15,618,498 dozen.
340/640	2,176,849 dozen.
341/641	912,680 dozen.
342/642	625,770 dozen.
345	263,413 dozen.
347/348	7,927,471 dozen.
351/651	469,339 dozen
352/652	1,990,463 dozen
359–C/659–C [2]	311,624 kilograms.
359–S/659–S [3]	575,106 kilograms.
434	12,687 dozen.
435	43,215 dozen.
440	2,703 dozen.
447	56,222 dozen.
448	34,598 dozen.
620	3,705,052 square meters.
632	160,820 dozen pairs.
638/639	1,382,721 dozen.
645/646	162,901 dozen.
647/648	2,248,471 dozen.

[1] The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2003.

[2] Category 359–C:only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020,6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659–C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

[3] Category 359–S: only HTS numbers 6112.39.0010, 6112.49.0010, 6211.11.8010, 6211.11.8020, 6211.12.8010 and 6211.12.8020; Category 659–S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

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,

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Notification of Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Requirements—Testing and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the May 14, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 26809), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek an extension of approval of information collection requirements in the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads. 16 CFR Part 1632.

The Commission now announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of approval of that collection of information.

The standard is intended to reduce unreasonable risks of burn injuries and deaths from fires associated with mattresses and mattress pads. The standard prescribes a test to assure that a mattress or mattress pad will resist ignition from a smoldering cigarette. The standard requires manufacturers to perform prototype tests of each combination of materials and construction methods used to produce mattresses or mattress pads and to obtain acceptable results from such testing. Sale or distribution of mattresses without successful completion of the testing required by the standard violates section 3 of the Flammable Fabrics Act. 15 U.S.C. 1192. An enforcement rule implementing the standard requires manufacturers to maintain records of testing performed in accordance with the standard and other information about the mattress or mattress pads which they produce.

Additional Information About the Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Requirements

Agency address: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

Title of information collection: Testing and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads, 16 CFR Part 1632.

Type of request: Extension of approval.

Frequency of collection: Varies, depending upon the number of individual combinations of materials and methods of construction used to produce mattresses.

General description of respondents: Manufacturers and importers of mattresses and mattress pads.

Estimated Number of respondents: 751.

Estimated number of hours for all respondents: 19,526 per year.

Estimated cost of collection for all respondents: $477,996.

Comments: Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by August 27, 2004 to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395–7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504–0127 or by e-mail at *cpsc-os@cpsc.gov*.

Copies of this request for an extension of an information collection requirement are available from Linda L. Glatz, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504–7671, or by e-mail to *lglatz@cpsc.gov*.