

would allow these exemptions for two commercial vessels for 54 sea sampling days. All experimental work would be monitored by University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) personnel. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments on this document must be received on or before October 18, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is [DA667@noaa.gov](mailto:DA667@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: "Comments on SMAST EFP Proposal for Haddock Separator Trawl Study (DA-667)." Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on SMAST EFP Proposal for Haddock Separator Trawl Study (DA-667)." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Blackburn, Fishery Management Specialist, phone: 978-281-9326, fax: 978-281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An application for an EFP was submitted by SMAST on August 23, 2004. The EFP would exempt two federally permitted commercial fishing vessels from the following requirements in the NE Multispecies FMP: NE multispecies GB regulated mesh area minimum mesh size and gear requirements specified at § 648.80(a)(4) to allow them to use a codend modified with a horizontal net panel (the experimental haddock separator panel) and a small mesh cover for quantifying catch composition; the NE multispecies closed area restrictions specified at § 648.81(a) to allow them temporary access to Closed Area I for the purposes of conducting this study; and the NE multispecies minimum fish size requirements specified at § 648.83(a) to allow them to temporarily retain sub-legal sized fish for measurement.

The goal of this study is to assess the selectivity of a bycatch reduction device in the NE groundfish fishery. Three factors would be examined in this study: (1) Net selectivity—examination of catch composition of the experimental and control nets; (2) trawl

duration—trawl duration would be modified to test catch rates based on tow durations of one hour, two hours, and three hours; and (3) seasonal variation—the study would be conducted during fall, winter, and spring, to determine if there are any seasonal differences in catch or fish behavior. The specific trawl design to be tested is referred to as a haddock separator trawl. The separation panel and 2-inch (5.08-cm) mesh cover would be sewn into the extension and codend of a conventional trawl net designed with 6.0-inch (15.24-cm) mesh in the fishing circle and 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) mesh in the codend. The codend would be further modified to create an upper and lower codend.

The study would begin in October and continue through July 31, 2005. During the study, the vessels would perform side-by-side tows. The number of tows would average approximately 8.3 per day. There would be 18 sea sampling days per season, over three seasons (fall, winter, and spring), for a total of 54 sea sampling days (not including steaming time). There would be 150 side-by-side tows per season, for a total of 450 tows per vessel. The tow durations would be one, two, and three hours, with 50 side-by-side tows of each duration per season. The vessels would fish in GB Closed Area I and the offshore fishing grounds represented by 30-minute squares 79, 80, 81, 96, 97, 98, 111, 112, and 113. All fish retained by the upper and lower codends would be counted, weighed, and measured. All legal catch would be landed and sold, consistent with the current daily and trip possession and landing limits. Current regulations restrict vessels fishing on GB to landing no more than 1,000 lb (454 kg) of cod per DAS, up to a maximum of 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) per trip, and no more than 3,000 lb (1,361 kg) of haddock per DAS, up to a maximum of 30,000 lb (13,608 kg) per trip from May 1 to September 30, and no more than 5,000 lb (2,268 kg), up to a maximum of 50,000 lb (22,680 kg) per trip from October 1 to April 30. Undersized fish would be returned to the sea as quickly as possible after measurement. The participating vessels would be required to report all landings in their Vessel Trip Reports.

The target fishery is the groundfish mixed-species fishery. The target species are haddock and cod. The applicant estimates the total amount of the main species that would be expected to be caught under this EFP are: 426,000 lb (193,230 kg) of haddock; 75,240 lb (34,128 kg) of Atlantic cod; and 11,340 lb (5,144 kg) of American plaice. Other commercially important fish commonly

found in the groundfish mixed-species fishery are expected to be caught incidentally. The incidental catch is expected to be comprised of skates, monkfish, witch flounder, winter flounder, spiny dogfish, and pollock.

The applicant is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will analyze the impacts of the proposed experimental fishery on the human environment. This EA will examine whether the proposed activities are consistent with the goals and objectives of the FMP, whether they would be detrimental to the well-being of any stocks of fish harvested, and whether they would have any significant environmental impacts. The EA will also examine whether the proposed experimental fishery would be detrimental to essential fish habitat, marine mammals, or protected species.

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

Dated: September 28, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*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, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Sri Lanka

September 28, 2004.

**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:** October 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 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 website at <http://www.cbp.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website 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 limits for certain categories are being adjusted for the undoing of 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 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004). Also see 68 FR 59926, published on October 20, 2003.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

September 28, 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 October 14, 2003, 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 Sri Lanka and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on October 1, 2004, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
334/634 .....	1,456,058 dozen.
335 .....	578,136 dozen.
345/845 .....	395,523 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2003.

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,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Nationwide TRICARE Demonstration Project**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice extending deadline for demonstration project.

**SUMMARY:** On Monday, November 5, 2001, the Department of Defense (DoD) published a notice of a nationwide TRICARE demonstration project (66 FR 55928-55930). On Wednesday, November 12, 2003, the DoD published a notice (68 FR 64087) to extend through October 31, 2004, the demonstration project scheduled to end on November 1, 2003. This notice is to advise interested parties of the continuation of the demonstration project in which the DoD Military Health System addresses unreasonable impediments to the continuity of health care encountered by certain family members of Reservists and National Guardsmen called to active duty in support of a federal/contingency operation. The demonstration previously scheduled to end on October 31, 2004, is now extended through October 31, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity, TRICARE Operations Directorate at (703) 681-0039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The continued deployment of about 160,000 troops in support of Noble Eagle/Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom in FY 2004 and FY 2005 warrants the continuation of the demonstration to support the health care needs and morale of family members of activated Reservists and Guardsmen. The impact if the demonstration is not extended includes higher out-of-pocket costs and potential inability to continue to use the same provider for ongoing care. There are three separate components to the demonstration. First, those who participate in TRICARE Standard will not be responsible for paying the TRICARE Standard deductible. By law, the TRICARE Standard deductible for active duty family members in \$150 per individual, \$300 per family (\$50/\$150 for E4s and below). The second component extends TRICARE payments up to 115 percent of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge, less the applicable patient copayment, for care

received from a provider that does not participate (accept assignment) under TRICARE to the extent necessary to ensure timely access to care and clinically appropriate continuity of care. The third component is waiver of the non-availability statement requirement for non-emergency inpatient care. Information and experience gained as part of this demonstration project will provide the foundation for longer-term solutions in the event of future national emergencies. This demonstration project is being conducted under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1092.

Dated: September 28, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.  
**ACTION:** Notice to amend systems of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is proposing to amend the Preamble to its Compilation of Privacy Act systems of records notices. The entries being amended are **FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE:** and **POINT OF CONTACT:**

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on November 1, 2004 unless comments are received which result in contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: AHRC-PDD-FPZ, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Suite 144, Alexandria, VA 22325-3905.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 428-6504.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific change to the Preamble is set forth below. The proposed amendment is not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.