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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment to the 2013 Tariff Preference Level (TPL) for Nicaragua Under the Central America-Dominican Republic-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA–DR)

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

ACTION: Amending the 2013 TPL for Nicaragua.

SUMMARY: This notice reduces the 2013 TPL for Nicaragua to 98,447,866 square meters equivalent to account for the shortfall in meeting the one-to-one commitment for cotton and man-made fiber woven trousers exported from Nicaragua to the United States.

DATES: Effective Date: July 1, 2013.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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).

The applicant requests a five-year research permit to assess aggregations of marine turtles inhabiting the coastal waters of Charlotte Harbor and the Ten Thousand Islands in southwest Florida. Researchers would capture up to 100 Kemp’s ridley, 20 green, 30 loggerhead, and five hawksbill sea turtles annually by strike net and perform the following procedures before release: measure, photograph, flipper and passive integrated transponder tag, weigh, and skin, scute and blood sample. A subset of the Kemp’s ridleys would be transported to a facility and held for up to 48 hours for fecal collection for diet analysis prior to release. A subset of Kemp’s ridleys and loggerhead also would have a satellite transmitter or radio and sonic transmitters attached to the carapace and would be tracked after release to investigate sea turtle migrations, movements, home range, and habitat associations.