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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Insular Affairs

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Allocation of Duty-Exemptions for Calendar Year 2004 Among Watch Producers Located in the Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Import Administration,
International Trade Administration,
Department of Commerce; Office of
Insular Affairs, Department of the
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action allocates calendar year 2004 duty exemptions for watch producers located in the Virgin Islands pursuant to Pub. L. 97-446, as amended by Pub. L. 103-465 ("the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, the Departments of the Interior and Commerce (the Departments) share responsibility for the allocation of duty exemptions among watch assembly firms in the United States insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands. In accordance with Section 303.3(a) of the regulations (15 CFR 303.3(a)), the total quantity of duty-free insular watches and watch movements for calendar year 2004 is 1,866,000 units for the Virgin Islands (65 F.R. 8048, February 17, 2000).

The criteria for the calculation of the calendar year 2004 duty-exemption allocations among insular producers are set forth in Section 303.14 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.14).

The Departments have verified and adjusted the data submitted on application form ITA-334P by Virgin Islands producers and inspected their current operations in accordance with Section 303.5 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.5).

In calendar year 2003 the Virgin Islands watch assembly firms shipped 413,389 watches and watch movements into the customs territory of the United

States under the Act. The dollar amount of creditable corporate income taxes paid by Virgin Islands producers during calendar year 2003 plus the creditable wages paid by the industry during calendar year 2003 to residents of the territory was \$4,537,621.

There are no producers in Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

The calendar year 2004 Virgin Islands annual allocations, based on the data verified by the Departments, are as follows:

Name of firm	Annual allocation
Belair Quartz, Inc.	500,000
Hampden Watch Co., Inc.	200,000
Goldex Inc.	50,000
Tropex, Inc.	300,000

The balance of the units allocated to the Virgin Islands is available for new entrants into the program or producers who request a supplement to their allocation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2004 and will conclude at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 4500 West Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-879-4800. *Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEP will meet to discuss an analyses of interactions between red snapper and vermilion snapper fisheries; review recreational economic literature; review Shrimp Amendments 13 and 14 Options Papers; and will hear a presentation on the individual fishing quota for the red snapper commercial fishery.

A report will be prepared by the SEP containing their conclusions and recommendations. This report will be presented for review to the Council's Reef Fish Advisory Panel and Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee at meetings to be held in April 2004 in Tampa, FL and to the Council at its meeting on May 17-20, 2004 in Key Largo, FL.

Composing the SEP membership are economists, sociologists, and anthropologists from various universities and state fishery agencies throughout the Gulf. They advise the Council on the social and economic implications of certain fishery management measures.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SEP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the SEP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 11, 2004.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

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