

required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued that would allow one commercial fishing vessel to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the FMP as follows: The Western Gulf of Maine (GOM) Closure Area and the minimum gillnet mesh size. 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 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: 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 GOM Gillnet Study." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135, or submitted via e-mail to the following address: da660@noaa.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Tasker, Fishery Management Specialist, phone 978-281-9273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, and Angelica Fisheries, Inc., submitted an application for an EFP on August 13, 2004. The primary goal of the research is to establish gillnet selectivity curves for haddock in the GOM, and to test whether it is possible to catch legal-size haddock with gillnet gear with mesh size that is less than 6.5 inches (16.5 cm) while avoiding catching cod or other species of concern in an area east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts, during the period January through April 2005. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the regulations implementing the FMP as follows: The Western GOM Closure Area specified at § 648.81(e) and the minimum gillnet mesh size specified at § 648.80(a)(3)(iv)(B)(1).

Five gillnets of mesh sizes ranging from 4.5 to 6.5 inches (11.4 to 16.5 cm), in 0.5-inch (1.3 cm) increments, would be fished in six groups (each group containing one net of each mesh size), for a total of 30 nets. The nets would be of standard commercial length, 300 ft (91.4 m), and approximately two-thirds the standard commercial height, resulting in a height of 7.5 ft (2.3 m). This net size was selected based on the applicants' belief that cod typically are captured in the upper meshes of standard nets when standard nets are fished in this area. The soak times in the early stages of the study would be approximately 3 to 6 hours in order to reduce the likelihood of unwanted bycatch. Soak times may be slowly increased up to 20 hours if doing so can be accomplished with minimal bycatch.

Researchers would fish in area off of Cape Ann, Massachusetts, between 42°35' and 42°50' N. lat. and 69°50' to 70°15' W. long. (30-minute squares 131 and 132). This area includes the Western GOM Closure Area. The research would take place over a total of 14 sea days and would occur on one commercial fishing vessel.

Researchers speculate that they will be able to catch haddock with minimal cod bycatch based on commercial fishing experience that indicates that small cod are not present in this area of relatively deep water during the proposed study period. Furthermore, commercial fishing experience indicates that haddock are present in high densities in the research area during the study period.

Researchers estimate that the total catch for the sampling days would be 30,000 lb (13,608 kg), of which less than 2,000 lb (907 kg) would be cod. Should researchers capture more than 2,000 lb (907 kg) of cod, access to the Western GOM Closure Area would be terminated.

The data collection activities aboard the participating vessels would be conducted by observers from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to ensure compliance with the experimental fishery objectives.

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

Dated: September 15, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Roundtable on Electronics Recycling; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Department of Commerce Technology Administration is hosting Technology Recycling: Achieving Consensus for Stakeholders, a roundtable on market issues affecting electronics recycling. Stakeholders including selected representatives of electronics manufacturers, retailers, recyclers, and environmental organizations have been invited to participate. Topics of discussion will include collection and funding mechanisms for electronics recycling, current electronics recycling activities, and creating a market for recycled technology products. The event is open to the public and the press. In order to pre-register, email technologyrecycling@doc.gov or call (202) 482-2475 and leave your name and organization affiliation. If you wish to contribute brochures or display information regarding an ongoing electronics recycling project, please include that information and your phone number in your email or voice mail. Updated information will be available at <http://www.ta.doc.gov>.

DATES: Tuesday, September 21, 2004, from 1 to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Commerce Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Enter through the Department of Commerce main entrance on 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues. Bring a photo ID for security purposes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mae Ellis-Covell, 202-482-1581.

Dated: September 10, 2004.

Michelle O'Neill,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

September 14, 2004.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 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 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 limit for Categories 342/642 is being increased for the recrediting of unused carryforward.

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 59923, 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 14, 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 and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on September 20, 2004, you are directed to increase the current limit for Categories 342/642 to 1,033,101 dozen¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this

action falls within the foreign affairs exception to 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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Korea

September 15, 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: September 21, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, 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://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 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 59919, published on October 20, 2003.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 15, 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 the Republic of Korea and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on September 21, 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 ¹
Sublevels within Group II	
340	957,421 dozen of which not more than 497,124 dozen shall be in Category 340-D ² .
341	258,049 dozen.
347/348	735,281 dozen.
640-D ³	3,074,849 dozen.
640-O ⁴	2,910,285 dozen.
641	1,152,954 dozen of which not more than 44,747 dozen shall be in Category 641-Y ⁵ .
645/646	4,170,269 dozen.
647/648	1,439,749 dozen.
Levels not in a group	
846	468,375 dozen.

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

² Category 340-D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030.

³ Category 640-D: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030.

⁴ 640-O: only HTS numbers 6203.23.0080, 6203.29.2050, 6205.30.1000, 6205.30.2050, 6205.30.2060, 6205.30.2070, 6205.30.2080 and 6211.33.0040.

⁵ Category 641-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

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,

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2003.