

develop recommendations for the full Council.

6. Advisory Panel Selection Committee Meeting: December 7, 2004, 3:30 p.m. 5 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)

The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will meet to review applications to the Council's advisory panels and develop recommendations to full Council.

7. Protected Resources Committee Meeting: December 8, 2004, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

The Protected Resources Committee will receive an update on protected resources activities, a report on the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP) meeting, and a briefing on the strategy for reducing sea turtle bycatch in fisheries from NMFS. The Committee will provide input on future activities regarding protected resources.

8. Dolphin Wahoo Committee Meeting: December 8, 2004, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

The Dolphin Wahoo Committee will meet to discuss tournament sales of dolphin and wahoo and take action as necessary.

9. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting: December 8, 2004, 1:30 p.m. 5 p.m. and December 9, 2004, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Snapper Grouper Committee will meet to continue its review of draft Amendment 13B to the Snapper Grouper FMP and choose its preferred management measure alternatives. In addition, the Committee will discuss the issue of the renewal timeframe for federal snapper/grouper permits.

10. Council Session: December 10, 2004, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

From 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., the Council will call the meeting order, make introductions and roll call and adopt the meeting agenda.

From 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Shrimp Committee and approve Amendment 6 for formal Secretarial review.

Note: A public comment period on Action 5 (permit requirements) in Shrimp Amendment 6 will be held at 8:45 a.m.

From 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., the Council will receive a report from the Joint Executive/Finance Committee and take action to approve the CY 2005 Activities Schedule and Budget.

From 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Mackerel Committee and approve Amendment 15 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagics in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic for formal Secretarial review.

Note: A public comment on Mackerel Amendment 15 will be held at 9:30 a.m.

From 9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Snapper Grouper Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the joint meeting of the Ecosystem-Based Management Committee and Habitat Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Advisory Panel Selection Committee and appoint Advisory Panel members.

From 10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Protected Resources Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Dolphin Wahoo Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Law Enforcement Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., the Council will receive status reports from NMFS Southeast Regional Office.

From 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., the Council will receive a briefing on litigation and other legal issues affecting the Council (CLOSED SESSION).

From 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., the Council will hear agency and liaison reports, discuss other business, and review upcoming meetings.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see ADDRESSES).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency.

Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment, the times and sequence specified on this agenda are subject to change.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 December 3, 2004.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Solicitation of Public Comments on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China

November 17, 2004.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee)

ACTION: Solicitation of public comments concerning a request for safeguard action on imports from China of combed cotton yarn (Category 301).

SUMMARY: The Committee has received a request from the National Council of Textile Organizations, the National Textile Association, and the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (Requestors) asking the Committee to limit imports from China of combed cotton yarn in accordance with the textile and apparel safeguard provision of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (the Accession Agreement). The Committee hereby solicits public comments on this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Dowling, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956, as amended; Executive Order 11651, as amended.

BACKGROUND:

The textile and apparel safeguard provision of the Accession Agreement provides for the United States and other members of the World Trade Organization that believe imports of Chinese origin textile and apparel products are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products to request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding the disruption. Pursuant to this provision, if the United States requests consultations with China, it must, at the time of the request, provide China with a detailed factual statement showing "(1) the existence or threat of market disruption;

and (2) the role of products of Chinese origin in that disruption." Beginning on the date that it receives such a request, China must restrict its shipments to the United States to a level no greater than 7.5 percent (6 percent for wool product categories) above the amount entered during the first 12 months of the most recent 14 months preceding the request. If exports from China exceed that amount, the United States may enforce the restriction.

The Committee has published procedures (the Procedures) it follows in considering requests for Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard actions (68 FR 27787, May 21, 2003; 68 FR 49440, August 18, 2003), including the information that must be included in such requests in order for the Committee to consider them.

On October 27, 2004, the Requestors asked the Committee to impose an Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard action on imports from China of combed cotton yarn (Category 301) on the ground that an anticipated increase in imports of combed cotton yarn after January 1, 2005, threatens to disrupt the U.S. market for combed cotton yarn. The request is available at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>. In light of the considerations set forth in the Procedures, the Committee has determined that the Requestors have provided the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request.

The Committee is soliciting public comments on the request, in particular with regard to whether there is a threat of disruption to the U.S. market for combed cotton yarn and, if so, the role of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn in that disruption. To this end, the Committee seeks relevant information addressing factors such as the following, which may be relevant in the particular circumstances of this case, involving a product under a quota that will be removed on January 1, 2005: (1) Whether imports of combed cotton yarn from China are entering, or are expected to enter, the United States at prices that are substantially below prices of the like or directly competitive U.S. product, and whether those imports are likely to have a significant depressing or suppressing effect on domestic prices of the like or directly competitive U.S. product or are likely to increase demand for further imports from China; (2) Whether exports of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn to the United States are likely to increase substantially and imminently (due to existing unused production capacity, to capacity that can easily be shifted from the production of other products to the

production of combed cotton yarn, or to an imminent and substantial increase in production capacity or investment in production capacity), taking into account the availability of other markets to absorb any additional exports; (3) Whether Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn that is presently sold in the Chinese market or in third-country markets will be diverted to the U.S. market in the imminent future (for example, due to more favorable pricing in the U.S. market or to existing or imminent import restraints into third country markets); (4) The level and the extent of any recent change in inventories of combed cotton yarn in China or in U.S. bonded warehouses; (5) Whether conditions of the domestic industry of the like or directly competitive product demonstrate that market disruption is likely (as may be evident from any anticipated factory closures or decline in investment in the production of combed cotton yarn, and whether actual or anticipated imports of Chinese-origin combed cotton yarn are likely to affect the development and production efforts of the U.S. combed cotton yarn industry; and (6) Whether U.S. managers, retailers, purchasers, importers, or other market participants have recognized Chinese producers of combed cotton yarn as potential suppliers (for example, through pre-qualification procedures or framework agreements).

Comments may be submitted by any interested person. Comments must be received no later than December 23, 2004. Interested persons are invited to submit ten copies of such comments to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001A, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

The Committee will protect any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. To the extent that business confidential information is provided, two copies of a non-confidential version must also be provided in which business confidential information is summarized or, if necessary, deleted. Comments received, with the exception of information marked "business confidential", will be available for inspection between Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Trade Reference and Assistance Center Help Desk, Suite 800M, USA Trade Information Center, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, (202) 482–3433.

The Committee will make a determination within 60 calendar days

of the close of the comment period as to whether the United States will request consultations with China. If the Committee is unable to make a determination within 60 calendar days, it will cause to be published a notice in the **Federal Register**, including the date by which it will make a determination. If the Committee makes a negative determination, it will cause this determination and the reasons therefore to be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Committee makes an affirmative determination that imports of Chinese origin combed cotton yarn threaten to disrupt the U.S. market, the United States will request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding the disruption.

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Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Removal of Export Visa and ELVIS Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Socks in Category 432 and 632 Part Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

November 18, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection removing visa and ELVIS requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 24, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call (202) 344–2650. 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.

On October 29, 2004, as provided for under paragraph 242 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization