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Dated: September 10, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Gulf Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Program**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of determination of catastrophic conditions.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the regulations implementing the individual fishing quota (IFQ) program for the commercial red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico, the Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS (RA) has determined that catastrophic conditions exist in those parts of Texas and Louisiana from the mouth of the Mississippi River west to Freeport, Texas as a result of recent hurricanes. Consistent with those regulations, the RA has authorized IFQ participants within this affected area to use paper-based forms, if necessary, for basic required IFQ administrative functions, e.g., landing transactions, until October 24, 2008. This determination of catastrophic conditions and allowance of alternative methods for completing required IFQ administrative functions is intended to facilitate continuation of IFQ operations during the period of catastrophic conditions.

**DATES:** The RA is authorizing IFQ participants within this affected area to use paper-based forms until October 24, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Britni Tokotch, telephone 727–824–5305, fax 727–824–5308, e-mail [Britni.Tokotch@noaa.gov](mailto:Britni.Tokotch@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations implementing the IFQ program for the commercial red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico (50 CFR 622.16) require that IFQ participants have access to a computer and Internet access and that they conduct administrative functions associated with the IFQ program, e.g., landing transactions, online. However, these regulations also specify that during catastrophic conditions, as determined by the RA, the RA can authorize IFQ participants in the affected area who are unable to submit information electronically to use paper-based forms to complete IFQ administrative functions for the duration of the catastrophic conditions. The RA must determine that catastrophic conditions exist, specify the duration of the catastrophic conditions, and specify which participants or geographic areas are deemed affected by the catastrophic conditions.

Hurricane Gustav made landfall near Cocodrie, Louisiana as a strong Category 2 hurricane on September 1, 2008. Twelve days later Hurricane Ike made landfall near Galveston, Texas as a Category 2 hurricane. Strong winds and flooding from these two hurricanes impacted coastal communities throughout Texas and Louisiana, resulting in power outages and loss of homes, businesses, and other

infrastructure. As a result the RA has determined that catastrophic conditions exist in those areas of the states of Louisiana and Texas from the mouth of the Mississippi River west to Freeport, Texas. The RA is authorizing IFQ participants within this affected area to use paper-based forms until October 24, 2008. NMFS will provide additional notification to affected participants via NOAA weather radio, fishery bulletins, and other appropriate means.

NMFS previously provided each IFQ dealer the necessary paper forms (sequentially coded) and instructions in the event catastrophic conditions exist. Paper forms are also available from the RA upon request. The electronic system for submitting information to NMFS will continue to be available to all participants, and participants in the affected area are encouraged to continue using this system, if accessible.

The administrative program functions available to participants in the area affected by catastrophic conditions will be limited under the paper-based system. There will be no mechanism for transfers of IFQ shares or allocation under the paper-based system in effect during catastrophic conditions. Assistance in complying with the requirements of the paper-based system will be available via IFQ Customer Service 1–866–425–7627 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. eastern time.

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

Dated: September 19, 2008.

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Limitations of Duty- and Quota-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Countries from Regional and Third-Country Fabric**

September 19, 2008.

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

**ACTION:** Publishing the New 12-Month Cap on Duty- and Quota-Free Benefits

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don Niewiaroski, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and

Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Title I, Section 112(b)(3) of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (TDA 2000), P.L. 106-200, as amended by section 3108 of the Trade Act of 2002, P.L. 107-210; Section 7(b)(2) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004, P.L. 108-274; Title VI, section 6002 of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA 2006), P.L. 109-432; Presidential Proclamation 7350 of October 4, 2000 (65 FR 59321); Presidential Proclamation 7626 of November 13, 2002 (67 FR 69459).

Title I of TDA 2000 provides for duty- and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. Section 112(b)(3) of TDA 2000 provides duty- and quota-free treatment for apparel articles wholly assembled in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from fabric wholly formed in one or more beneficiary countries from yarn originating in the U.S. or one or more beneficiary countries, subject to quantitative limitations. This preferential treatment is also available for apparel articles assembled in one or more lesser-developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, regardless of the country of origin of the fabric used to make such articles, subject to quantitative limitation. Title VI of the TRHCA 2006 extended this special rule for lesser-developed countries through September 30, 2012.

The AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 provides that the quantitative limitation for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2008 will be an amount not to exceed 7 percent of the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States in the preceding 12-month period for which data are available. See Section 112(b)(3)(A)(ii)(II) of TDA 2000, as amended by Section 7(b)(2)(B) of the AGOA Acceleration Act. Of this overall amount, apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries is limited to an amount not to exceed 3.5 percent of all apparel articles imported into the United States in the preceding 12-month period. See Section 112(c)(1)(B)(ii) of TDA 2000, as amended by Section 6002(a) of TRHCA 2006. Presidential Proclamation 7350 directed CITA to publish the aggregate quantity of imports allowed during each 12-month period in the **Federal Register**. See Annex.

For the one-year period, beginning on October 1, 2008, and extending through September 30, 2009, the aggregate quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under these provisions is 1,711,900,006 square

meters equivalent. Of this amount, 855,950,003 square meters equivalent is available to apparel articles imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries. Apparel articles entered in excess of these quantities will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs.

These quantities are calculated using the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States, derived from the set of Harmonized System lines listed in the Annex to the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the conversion factors for units of measure into square meter equivalents used by the United States in implementing the ATC.

**R. Matthew Priest,**

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

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Notification of Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Activity—Notification Requirements for Coal and Wood Burning Appliances**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In the July 3, 2008 **Federal Register** (73 FR 38187), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) (PRA), to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of its PRA approval of information collection requirements regarding certain coal and wood burning appliances pursuant to 16 CFR part 1406. The Commission now announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of approval of that collection of information.

The Commission received no comments. The CPSC will use the information it obtains to monitor industry compliance with the requirements and to reduce risks of injuries from fires associated with the installation, operation, and maintenance of the appliances that are subject to the regulation.

**Additional Information About the Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Activity**

*Title of information collection:* Notification Requirements for Coal and Wood Burning Appliances.

*Type of request:* Extension of approval.

*General description of respondents:* Manufacturers or importers of coal and wood burning appliances.

*Frequency of collection:* Information will be submitted when there is any change to the required data or when a new model is introduced in the market.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 5 per year.

*Estimated average number of responses per respondent:* 1 per year.

*Estimated number of responses for all respondents:* 5 per year.

*Estimated number of hours per response:* 3 hours per response.

*Estimated number of hours for all respondents:* 15 hours per year.

*Estimated annual cost of collection to all respondents:* \$387 per year.

*Estimated total annual cost of the information collection requirements to the Federal Government:* \$1,773 per year.

*Comments:* Comments on this request for extension of approval of an information collection activity should be submitted by October 24, 2008 to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) e-mailed to the Office of the Secretary at [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov). Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (301) 504-0127, or by mail to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of this request for approval of an information collection activity is available from Linda Glatz, Division of Policy and Planning, Office of Information Technology and Technology Services, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7671 or by e-mail to [lglatz@cpsc.gov](mailto:lglatz@cpsc.gov).

Dated: September 18, 2008.

**Todd Stevenson,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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