

subject Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all the 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 Gulf of Maine (GOM) Rolling Closure Areas, the NE multispecies days-at-sea (DAS) effort control program, the NE multispecies DAS notification requirement, and the minimum mesh size for trawl gear. 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 must be received on or before December 2, 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 the GOM High Opening Raised Footrope Trawl for Haddock and Pollock." Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281-9135, or be submitted via e-mail to the following address: [da702@noaa.gov](mailto:da702@noaa.gov).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An application for an EFP was submitted on October 12, 2004, by Dr. Pingguo He of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) for a Northeast Consortium contract project. The primary goal of the research is to design and test a high opening haddock raised footrope trawl for potential use in B DAS programs in the GOM.

The project, which is anticipated to be two years in duration, would include flume tank trials and 10 days of at-sea trials, per year. At-sea trials would consist of three to four 1-hour tows per sea day. Additionally, researchers

would use remote underwater video observation and acoustic gear geometry monitoring to assess the success of the net during at-sea trials. The experimental net would consist of long drop-chains hanging between the fishing line and the sweep (raised footrope), creating a space for cod, flounders, and other benthic animals to escape or fall under the fishing line. The trawl would incorporate large meshes in the wings and belly, and kites in the square near the headline. Kites may also be used near the wingends to expand the trawl. Researchers have requested a small mesh exemption to allow for the use of a second codend or a small mesh cover to collect fish released from the trawl to assess the effectiveness of the separator trawl.

All specimens caught would be sampled and measured. All undersized fish will be returned to the sea as quickly as practical after measurement and examination. The overall fishing mortality is estimated to be 30 percent of the average commercial fishing mortality on a DAS. The researcher anticipates that a total of 5,217 lb (2,366.4 kg) of fish, including 1,300 lb (589.7 kg) of cod, would be harvested throughout the course of the study. Other species that are anticipated to be caught are haddock, dab, yellowtail flounder, winter flounder, grey sole, white hake, and pollock. All legal-sized fish, within the possession limit, would be sold, with the proceeds returned to the project for the purpose of enhancing future research.

Year one of the study would take place from May 1, 2005, to April 30, 2006. All at-sea research during year one would be conducted from one fishing vessel. During the second year of the project, two vessels would conduct at-sea research. The trials would occur in the area north of 43°00' N. lat. and west of 69°00' W. long., especially in the inshore GOM, excluding the Western GOM Closure Area. Researchers have asked for an exemption to the regulations establishing the Western GOM Rolling Closure Areas because they believe that an optimal mixture of haddock and cod for testing this gear is present in the Western GOM waters during May and June. Because the aim of the project is to develop gear that could separate haddock and cod before the fish are brought onboard, an exemption from the Western GOM Rolling Closure Areas is important to the success of the study. Exemption from 10 DAS is also requested to conduct the experiment because a commercial DAS level of effort would not likely be realized due to the

additional time that would be necessary to weigh, measure, and sort the catch, and to adjust underwater video and acoustic monitoring systems.

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

Dated: November 10, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Arab Republic of Egypt

November 10, 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:** November 16, 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 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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing and carryover.

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 59916, published on October 20, 2003.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 10, 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 textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Egypt and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on November 16, 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 <sup>1</sup>
Fabric Group 218–220, 224–227, 313–O <sup>2</sup> , 314–O <sup>3</sup> , 315–O <sup>4</sup> , 317–O <sup>5</sup> and 326–O <sup>6</sup> , as a group Level not in a group 448 .....	205,897,117 square meters.        24,939 dozen.

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

<sup>2</sup> Category 313–O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

<sup>3</sup> Category 314–O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

<sup>4</sup> Category 315–O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

<sup>5</sup> Category 317–O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

<sup>6</sup> Category 326–O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.

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,  
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 and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan**

November 10, 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:** November 16, 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.

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 68599, published on December 9, 2003.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 10, 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 December 3, 2003, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products produced or manufactured in Pakistan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on November 16, 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	Twelve-month restraint limit <sup>1</sup>
Specific limits	
360 .....	10,504,819 numbers.
361 .....	11,557,218 numbers.
666–P <sup>2</sup> .....	1,414,684 kilograms.
666–S <sup>3</sup> .....	7,072,067 kilograms.

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

<sup>2</sup> Category 666–P: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1010, 6302.22.1020, 6302.22.2010, 6302.32.1010, 6302.32.1020, 6302.32.2010 and 6302.32.2020.

<sup>3</sup> Category 666–S: only HTS numbers 6302.22.1030, 6302.22.1040, 6302.22.2020, 6302.32.1030, 6302.32.1040, 6302.32.2030 and 6302.32.2040.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of 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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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Notice of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 96–463, notice is hereby given that the Defense Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies will hold an open meeting at The Thayer Hotel, 674 Thayer Road, West Point, New York 10996, on December 3, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Purpose**

The Task Force will meet on December 3, 2004, from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m., and this session will be open to the public, subject to the availability of space. In keeping with the spirit of Federal Advisory Committee Act, it is the desire of the Task Force to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions of the Task Force or to make comment regarding the current work of the Task Force. No internal Task Force meeting will be conducted at this time nor will the Task Force receive any briefings. Any interested citizens are encouraged to attend.