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Dated: December 19, 2006.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Suspension of Textile Visa Requirements for Ukraine

December 19, 2006.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection establishing limits for Vietnam and suspending all previous directives concerning visa requirements for Ukraine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2007.

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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of July 17, 2003, as amended on July 22, 2004, between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, establishes limits, until the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and exported during the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and

Border Protection to establish the 2007 limits.

Exports of textile and apparel products from Vietnam subject to the directive below remain subject to visa and ELVIS requirements.

Due to the expiration on December 31, 2006 of the bilateral textile agreement with Ukraine, the United States is suspending visa requirements for textile products from Ukraine exported after that date. It is not yet certain whether there will be negotiations on extension of the bilateral agreement with Ukraine. Visa requirements may be reinstated upon extension of the bilateral agreement. In the letter below, CITA is directing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to temporarily suspend all textile visa requirements for goods exported from Ukraine on and after January 1, 2007.

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 (refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>).

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 19, 2006.

Commissioner,
*Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); and Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, and the bilateral textile agreement of July 17, 2003, as amended on July 22, 2004, between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2007, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Vietnam and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2007 and extending through December 31, 2007 in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Restraint limit
200	393,239 kilograms.
301	891,341 kilograms.
332	1,310,796 dozen pairs.
333	47,188 dozen.
334/335	845,701 dozen.
338/339	17,551,008 dozen.
340/640	2,603,525 dozen.
341/641	998,277 dozen.
342/642	708,094 dozen.
345	373,397 dozen.

Category	Restraint limit
347/348	8,908,353 dozen.
351/651	625,878 dozen.
352/652	2,384,474 dozen.
359-C/659-C ¹	425,783 kilograms.
359-S/659-S ²	688,168 kilograms.
434	17,535 dozen.
435	43,264 dozen.
440	2,706 dozen.
447	56,287 dozen.
448	34,638 dozen.
620	8,341,906 square meters.
632	655,399 dozen pairs.
638/639	1,564,628 dozen.
645/646	252,988 dozen.
647/648	2,544,275 dozen.

¹ Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

² Category 359-S: only HTS numbers 6112.39.0010, 6112.49.0010, 6211.11.8010, 6211.11.8020, 6211.12.8010 and 6211.12.8020; Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Products in the above categories exported during 2006 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 13, 2005) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In addition to the above, this directive suspends all previous directives issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements concerning textile visa requirements for goods produced or manufactured in Ukraine, covering wool textile products subject to the quota limits under the United States - Ukraine bilateral textile agreement. Effective for such goods exported from Ukraine on and after January 1, 2007, you are directed not to require a textile visa for entry into the Customs territory of the United States.

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,
Philip J. Martello,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for a Permit Application for the Proposed San Pedro Waterfront Project at the Port of Los Angeles, in Los Angeles County, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is considering an application for Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act permits authorizing dredge and fill activities to create three new harbors (North Harbor, Downtown Harbor, and 7th Street Harbor) along the San Pedro Waterfront, construct pile-supported structures to provide additional areas for land-side use, and construct a waterfront promenade and Outer Harbor cruise ship terminal. The reason for the new NOI is the scope of the previous project, titled From Bridge to Breakwater San Pedro Waterfront and Promenade, was reduced, a new permit application was submitted, and the proposed project has been modified to focus on infrastructure improvements, cruise program expansion, and to increase public access to the waterfront.

The primary Federal concern is the dredging and discharging of fill material within waters of the United States and potential significant impacts resulting from such dredging and discharges to the environment. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps is requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to consideration of any permit action. The Corps may ultimately make a determination to permit or deny the above project, or permit or deny modified versions of the above project.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Port of Los Angeles will serve as Lead Agency in preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for its consideration of development approvals within its

jurisdiction. The Corps and the Port of Los Angeles have agreed to jointly prepare a Draft EIS/EIR in order to optimize efficiency and avoid duplication. The Draft EIS/EIR is intended to be sufficient in scope to address the Federal, state, and local requirements and environmental issues concerning the proposed activities and permit approvals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments and questions regarding scoping of the Draft EIS/EIR may be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Branch, ATTN: File Number 2005-01271-SDM, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, California 90053-2325, or spencer.d.macneil@usace.army.mil. Comments or questions can also be sent to Jan Green Rebstock, Port of Los Angeles, Environmental Management Division, 425 S. Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731, or ceqacomment@portla.org. Dr. Spencer D. MacNeil can be reached at 805-585-2149, and Jan Green Rebstock can be reached at 310-732-3949.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. *Project Site:* The proposed project is located in the southern end of the City of Los Angeles along the west side of the Port of Los Angeles' Main Channel, from the Vincent Thomas Bridge to Berths 49-50. The proposed dredge activities would take place at Berths 87-89, 86, and the foot of 7th Street. In addition, the proposed construction of a waterfront promenade would affect mudflat at Berth 78; impacts to this mudflat would be mitigated.

2. *Proposed Action:* The project applicant, the Port of Los Angeles, proposes to perform modifications to the existing shorefront, including water cutouts of approximately 9.21 acres to increase the net water area (up to 4.98 acres) to provide for a variety of waterfront uses, including berthing for visiting tall ships, leisure craft, tugboats, and other recreational, commercial, and port-related uses, without impeding the public's right to free navigation; and utilize and increase the value of deep water in the Outer Harbor and Main Channel to accommodate existing and projected growth in the cruise ship industry. Specifically, the proposed action includes approximately 463,000 square feet (sf) and 808,000 cubic yards (cy) of excavation and dredging (of which approximately 401,000 sf and 605,000 cy of new water area and volume will be added below the mean high tide line), with approximately 70,000 sf of rock slope protection. The project would also involve installation of 618 new piles and 910 linear feet of

sheet pile bulkheads, and construction of approximately 211,000 square feet of new wharf structures, decks, piers, and floating docks. Additionally, the project would remove or demolish approximately 990 linear feet of existing retention dikes (or bulkheads) and approximately 96,800 square feet (2.22 acres) of wharf structures, decks, piers, and docks. In total, the proposed action would create or uncover approximately 497,800 sf (11.43 acres) of open water, and cover approximately 281,000 sf (6.45 acres) of existing water, for a net increase of approximately 216,800 sf (4.98 acres) of open water area within the harbor.

Due to the creation of the new harbors, the project is anticipated to create a total of approximately 808,000 cubic yards of dredge material. Disposal of clean dredge material is planned for LA-2 or LA-3 offshore disposal, with upland disposal of contaminated sediments. Ocean disposal would also require authorization pursuant to Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act. Should other approved in-harbor disposal sites become available, they will also be considered.

3. *Issues:* There are several potential environmental issues that will be addressed in the Draft EIS/EIR. Additional issues may be identified during the scoping process. Issues initially identified as potentially significant include:

1. Aesthetic and visual impacts from construction and operation;

2. Air quality impacts from construction, operation, increased vehicle and cruise ship emissions, and contributions to global warming and greenhouse gases;

3. Biological impacts to marine and terrestrial plants and wildlife;

4. Cultural resources, both historic buildings and structures and historic and prehistoric archaeology;

5. Geological issues, including dredging and stabilization of fill areas in an area of known seismic activity;

6. Hazards and hazardous materials related to existing and former activities that have contaminated soil and groundwater in the Port, or pose hazardous risks related to ongoing operations, and hazards and risk of upset due to terrorism;

7. Hydrology and water quality from disturbance of sediment, increased cruise operations, and runoff from development;

8. Noise from construction, existing and future operations, and increased traffic;