

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of membership of NOAA Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 USC, 4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on SES retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees. The appointment of these members to the NOAA PRB will be for periods of 24 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of service of appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is October 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monica M.P. Matthews, Senior Executive Service Program Manager, Human Resources Management Office, Office of Finance and Administration, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-0534 (ext. 204).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and position titles of the members of the NOAA PRB (*NOAA officials unless otherwise identified*) are set forth below:

Rance A. Belapoldi: Chief, Surface and Microanalysis Science Division, Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory (National Institute of Standards and Technology)
 James Belville: Director, NEXRAD Operational Support Facility, National Weather Service
 Jeffrey R. Benoit: Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service
 Margaret A. Davidson: Director, NOAA Coastal Services Center, National Ocean Service
 David L. Evans: Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service
 John T. Forsing: Director, Eastern Region, National Weather Service

Susan B. Fruchter: Counselor to the Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

Margaret F. Hayes: Assistant General Counsel for Fisheries, Office of the General Counsel

Jay S. Johnson: Deputy General Counsel for Fisheries, Enforcement and Regions, Office of the General Counsel

David M. Kennedy: Chief, Hazardous Materials Response and Assessment Division, National Ocean Service

Gerald R. Lucas: Director, Eastern Center, Office of Finance and Administration

Gary C. Matlock: Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service

P. Krishna Rao: Senior Scientist for Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

James L. Rasmussen: Director, Environmental Research Laboratories, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Michael P. Sissenwine: Science and Research Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service

Alan R. Thomas: Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Louis W. Uccellini: Director, Office of Meteorology, National Weather Service

James K. White: Executive Director for the Economics and Statistics Administration (Economics and Statistics Administration)

Gregory W. Withee: Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

Helen M. Wood: Director, Office of Satellite Data Processing and Distribution, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

Sally J. Yozell: Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary

Dated: September 19, 1997.

D. James Baker,
Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.
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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 Egypt**

September 10, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen L. LeGrande, 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 or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Categories 338/339 is being increased for swing, carryover and carryforward. The limits for the Fabric Group and the sublimit for Category 227 are being reduced to account for the swing being applied.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 68242, published on December 27, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 10, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
 Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 20, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Egypt and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on September 17, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month level ¹
Fabric Group 218–220, 224–227, 313–317 and 326, as a group.	97,305,756 square meters.
Sublevel within Fab- ric Group 227	22,175,665 square meters.
Level not in a group 338/339	3,052,092 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, in accordance with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, has developed a draft Strategic Plan which was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget on August 15, 1997. The Commission is now soliciting comments on the draft plan.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 16, 1997.

ADDRESS: Comments on the strategic plan may be sent to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. Comments may be sent by

facsimile transmission to (202) 518–5528 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to “Strategic Plan.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge A. Bolinger, Office of Financial Management, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581 (202) 418–5180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Government Performance and Results Act, 5 U.S.C. 306 (“GPRA”), requires all agencies to develop and submit strategic plans to the Congress and the Office of Management and Budget no later than September 30, 1997. The Commission has developed its plan, “Vision and Strategies for the Future: Facing the Challenges of 1997 through 2002,” which establishes the goals, outcome objectives and strategies for the next five years. Public comment is now being sought on the strategic plan.

The Commission’s draft Strategic Plan is set forth below.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 8, 1997, by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary to the Commission.

Vision and Strategies for the Future: Facing the Challenges of 1997 Through 2002

Commodity Futures Trading Commission Strategic Plan 1997–2002

August 1997

Draft

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Vision Statement

For the years 1997 through 2002, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission will:

Preserve and promote the vital role America’s commodity markets play in establishing fair prices for goods and services and managing the risks of their production, marketing, and distribution in the world economy.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is to protect market users and the public from fraud, manipulation, and abusive practices related to the sale of commodity futures and options, and to foster open, competitive, and financially sound commodity futures and option markets.

Background

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission was created by Congress in 1974 as an independent agency with the mandate to regulate commodity futures and option markets in the United States. The agency’s mandate was renewed and expanded in 1978, 1982, 1986, 1992, and 1995.

Today, the CFTC is responsible for ensuring the economic utility of futures markets by encouraging their competitiveness and efficiency, ensuring their integrity, and protecting market participants against manipulation, abusive trade practices, and fraud. Through effective oversight regulation, the CFTC enables the commodity futures markets better to serve their important function in the nation’s economy of providing a mechanism for price discovery and a means of offsetting price risk.

Futures contracts for agricultural commodities have been traded in the U.S. for 150 years and have been under federal regulation since the 1920s. In recent years, futures trading has expanded rapidly into many new markets, beyond the domain of