

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public hearings are being presented by NMFS as a forum for concerned parties to provide comments on the Corps' request for modification 4 to permit 895 and FPC's request for modification 5 to scientific research permit 822. A future notice is expected to be issued on the receipt of an application for modification 5 to FPC's permit 822. Information received at the hearings will assist NMFS in the preparation of the supplemental biological opinion.

The Corps requests a modification to Permit 895 under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227).

Permit 895 authorizes the Corps annual direct takes of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the Corps' juvenile fish transportation program at four hydroelectric projects on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest (Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary Dams). Permit 895 also authorizes the Corps annual incidental takes of ESA-listed adult fish associated with fallbacks through the juvenile fish bypass systems at the four dams. The purpose of the juvenile fish transportation program is to enhance the survival of migrating anadromous salmonids that would otherwise be subjected to adverse environmental conditions at the dams and reservoirs on the rivers.

For modification 4 to the permit, the Corps requests: (1) Annual direct takes of juvenile, endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with the transportation program; and (2) annual incidental takes of ESA-listed adult steelhead associated with fallbacks through juvenile fish bypass systems. ESA-listed steelhead indirect and incidental mortalities associated with the transportation program are requested. Also for modification 4, the Corps requests an extension of the expiration date of permit 895 to December 31, 1999. Permit 895 is currently due to expire on December 31, 1998. The Corps is conducting a

feasibility study to evaluate several alternatives to juvenile fish transport including: Removing parts of dams to restore natural river conditions, new bypass alternatives including surface collector systems, the role of the juvenile fish transportation program in long-term recovery efforts, and improving existing bypass systems. The study is scheduled to be completed by late 1999. An extension of permit 895 through December 31, 1999 will allow the duration of the permit to coincide with the completion of the feasibility study.

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of an application requesting a take of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead. The initiation of a public comment period on the application, including its proposed take of Snake River steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations.

NMFS is preparing a supplemental biological opinion to the March 2, 1995 opinion that will analyze the impacts to ESA-listed steelhead due to the continuation of these activities. On March 2, 1995, NMFS issued a biological opinion that addresses impacts to ESA-listed Snake River salmon due to the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System. That opinion also addresses NMFS' issuance of ESA section 10 permits that authorize takes of ESA-listed species associated with the Corps' juvenile fish transportation program and FPC's Smolt Monitoring Program. Relevant scientific and commercial information received at the hearings will also assist NMFS in the preparation of this supplemental biological opinion on the project.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation at any of the public hearings should register upon arrival and be prepared to provide a written copy of their testimony at the time of presentation. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak at each respective hearing, a time limit may be imposed. All statements and opinions summarized in this notice are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Nancy I. Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Honduras

February 18, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, 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: 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 limit for Categories 352/652 is being increased for 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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 68261, published on December 31, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 18, 1998.

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 23, 1997, 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 Honduras and exported during the period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through March 26, 1998.

Effective on February 24, 1998, you are directed to increase the limit for Categories

352/652 to 2,898,411 dozen¹ of which not more than 1,941,519 dozen shall be in Categories 352-K/652-K², as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The guaranteed access level for Categories 352/652 remains unchanged.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of 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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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Monday, March 2, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Upholstered Furniture

The Commission will consider options for Commission action to address the risk of fires caused by small open flame ignition of upholstered furniture.

2. Minoxidil

The staff will brief the Commission on a proposed rule requiring child-resistant packaging under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act for preparations containing more than 14 mg of minoxidil.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

² Category 352-K: only HTS numbers 6107.11.0010, 6107.11.0020, 6108.19.9010, 6108.21.0010, 6108.21.0020, 6108.91.0005, 6108.91.0015, 6108.91.0025, 6109.10.0005, 6109.10.0007, 6109.10.0009, 6109.10.0037; Category 652-K: only HTS numbers 6107.12.0010, 6107.12.0020, 6108.11.0010, 6108.11.0020, 6108.22.9020, 6108.22.9030, 6108.22.9020, 6108.22.9030, 6108.92.0005, 6108.92.0015, 6108.92.0025, 6109.90.1047 and 6109.90.1075.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various matters.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Number: Modeling the Individual Enlistment Decision; OMB Number 0702-[to be determined].

Type of Request: New collection.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 4,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Needs and Uses: The career decision survey captures the attitudes of 16-21 year old youth toward service, as well as other available career options. It also

addresses qualification for service, primarily in terms of aptitude, and their availability. This administration will be used to identify the items that best predict enlistment propensity, and to segment the population by quality and availability factors. The data collected will be used by analysts within the Army Research Institute and its prime contractor, HumRRO, to investigate the viability of alternative means of indirectly assessing cognitive ability and enlistment propensity. If the collection were not conducted, the Army would not have the information of improved relevance and validity needed to fulfill and improve upon its recruiting mission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C.

Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-22]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-22,