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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 3, 2005, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (70 FR 57566) that an amendment of Permit No. 774-1649-02 had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The amended permit authorizes the Holder to administer isotopes (doubly-labeled water (DLW)) to and collect serial blood samples from up to 15 Antarctic fur seal (*Arctocephalus gazelle*) females and 30 pups to study female/pup energetics and maternal investment.

Dated: November 21, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111605G]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of Council task force to convene via Conference Call.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a task force comprised of Council members, Council staff, and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) members via conference call to address the operations of the SSC governing their activities.

DATES: The Conference Call will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call and a listening station will be available. For specific locations see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a task force comprised of Council members, Council staff and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) members by conference call on December 12, 2005 at 10 a.m. EST.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the operations governing activities of the SSC and to make recommendations to the Council. The Council will hear these recommendations at the meeting in Corpus Christi, TX, scheduled for January 9 - 12, 2006.

A listening station for members of the public to hear the discussion will be set up at the National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; contact: Virginia Fay; telephone: (727) 551-5785.

A copy of related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: November 18, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment to a Determination Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

November 18, 2005.

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

ACTION: Directive to the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection.

SUMMARY: Amendments to CITA's directive that determined certain textile and apparel goods from Nigeria be treated as "handloomed, handmade, folklore articles, or ethnic printed fabrics" and qualify for preferential treatment under the AGOA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Flaaten, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Sections 112(a) and 112(b)(6) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-200) ("AGOA"), as amended by Section 7(c) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-274) ("AGOA Acceleration Act") (19 U.S.C. §§ 3721(a) and (b)(6)); Sections 2 and 5 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001; Sections 25-27 and Paras. 13-14 of Presidential Proclamation 7912 of June 29, 2005.

AGOA provides preferential tariff treatment for imports of certain textile and apparel products of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, including hand-loomed, handmade, or folklore articles of a beneficiary country that are certified as such by the competent authority in the beneficiary country. The AGOA Acceleration Act further expanded AGOA by adding ethnic printed fabrics to the list of textile and apparel products made in the beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries that may be eligible for the preferential treatment described in section 112(a) of the AGOA. CITA approved Nigeria for Category 9 effective August 1, 2005. (70 FR 43397).

The United States and Nigeria have agreed to add Atlantic Textiles Manufacturing Co. Ltd. to the list of companies in Annex B who are producers of ethnic printed fabrics in Nigeria.

CITA notes a technical correction to this same notice. The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) number referenced in Annex B

applicable to ethnic printed fabrics is 5208.52.40, not 5208.32.40.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 18, 2005.

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

Dear Commissioner: The directive issued to you on July 21, 2005 regarding articles made in Nigeria to be treated as "handloomed, handmade, folklore articles, or ethnic printed fabrics" under the AGOA is amended as follows:

1. Add Atlantic Textiles Manufacturing Co. Ltd. to the list of producers of ethnic printed fabrics in Nigeria in Annex B.
2. Strike 5208.32.40 and replace with 5208.52.40 in Annex B.

Sincerely,

James C. Leonard III,
*Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE
AGREEMENTS**

**Request for Public Comments on
Commercial Availability Petition under
the United States - Andean Trade
Promotion and Drug Eradication Act
(ATPDEA)**

November 21, 2005.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a petition for a determination that certain 100 percent cotton, 2 x 2 twill weave, flannel fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the ATPDEA.

SUMMARY: On November 18, 2005, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Oxford Industries alleging that 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, made from 21 through 36 NM single ring-spun yarns, of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, weighing not more than 200 grams per square meter, classified under subheading 5208.43.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The petition requests that such fabrics, for use in the manufacture of shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes and dressing gowns and woven underwear in an ATPDEA beneficiary country for

export to the United States, be eligible for preferential treatment under the ATPDEA. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this petition, in particular with regard to whether these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by December 12, 2005 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria K. Dybczak, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 (b)(3)(B)(ii) of the ATPDEA, Presidential Proclamation 7616 of October 31, 2002, Executive Order 13277 of November 19, 2002, and the United States Trade Representative's Notice of Further Assignment of Functions of November 25, 2002.

BACKGROUND:

The ATPDEA provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns and fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. The ATPDEA also provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary country, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 13277 (67 FR 70305) and the United States Trade Representative's Notice of Redlegation of Authority and Further Assignment of Functions (67 FR 71606), the President's authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the ATPDEA has been delegated to CITA.

On November 18, 2005, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Oxford Industries alleging that certain 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, made from 21 through 36 NM single ring-spun yarns, of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, weighing not more than 200 grams per square meter, classified under HTSUS subheading 5208.43.00, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting quota-

and duty-free treatment under the ATPDEA for such fabrics, for use in the manufacture of shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes and dressing gowns and woven underwear in an ATPDEA beneficiary country for export to the United States.

Specifications:

Fiber Content:	100% Cotton
Weight:	not more than 200 grams/ square meter
Yarn Number:	ring spun 21-36 NM
Weave:	2 x 2 twill woven flannel
Finish:	Yarn dyed, napped on both sides

The petitioner emphasizes that the construction of the fabrics must be exactly or nearly exactly as specified or the fabrics will not be suitable for their intended uses.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Also relevant is whether other fabrics that are supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner are substitutable for the fabrics in question for purposes of the intended use. Comments must be received no later than December 12, 2005. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, CITA will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the fabric stating that it produces the fabric that is the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA generally considers specific details, such as quantities and lead times for providing the subject product as business confidential. However, information such as the names of domestic manufacturers who were contacted, questions concerning the capability to manufacture the subject product, and the responses thereto should be available for public review to ensure proper public participation in