

Ocean Service, 7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, Washington 98115 (Principal Investigator: John A. Lindsay), has been issued a permit to take by harassment, Northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) for purposes of commercial/educational photography.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Jennifer Jefferies (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 18, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 70493) that a request for a commercial/educational photography permit to take by harassment, Northern fur seals had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.).

Dated: February 27, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of an Import Limit for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Belarus

March 1, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection establishing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 5, 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 this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov>. 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.

On December 12, 2003, CITA directed the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, to establish 2004 import limits for certain wool and man-made fiber textile products produced or manufactured in Belarus (See 68 FR 70494, published on December 18, 2003). That directive included a limit on Category 622, with a sublimit on 622-L. The Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding dated January 10, 2003 between the Governments of the United States and Belarus also calls for an additional sublimit, on Category 622-N. As, the United States and Belarus have not been able to reach agreement on the terms of this additional sublimit, the United States is implementing a sublimit on Category 622-N pending agreement with the Government of Belarus on its terms. This sublimit may be revised if the Governments of the United States and Belarus reach agreement on the terms of the sublimit or if Belarus becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Belarus.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to establish the limit for Category 622-N.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003).

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 1, 2004.

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); Executive Order

11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; you are directed to prohibit, effective on March 5, 2004, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of glass fiber fabric products in Category 622-N¹, produced or manufactured in Belarus and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2004 and extending through December 31, 2004 in excess of 611,326 square meters.

Textile products in Category 622-N which have been exported to the United States prior to January 1, 2004 shall not be subject to this directive.

Textile products in this category which have been released from the custody of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection under the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1448(b) or 1484(a)(1) prior to the effective date of this directive shall not be denied entry under this directive.

This limit may be revised if the Governments of the United States and Belarus reach agreement on the terms of the sublimit or if Belarus becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Belarus.

Import charges will be provided at a later date.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner, Bureau 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.

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,
James C. Leonard III,
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, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

March 2, 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: March 9, 2004.

¹ Category 622-N: HTS numbers 7019.52.40.20, 7019.52.90.20, 7019.59.40.20, 7019.59.90.20.