

with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** In furtherance of its implementation of the new U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy authorized by the President on April 25, 2003, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking public comment with regard to NOAA's licensing of commercial remote sensing satellite systems, including existing Federal regulations, current licensing conditions, and possible alternative approaches. This Request for Information extends the comment period of a previous NOAA request which was published on July 15, 2003.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway SSMC1, Room 7311, Silver Spring, MD 20910, attn: Timothy Stryker, Chief, Satellite Activities Branch.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The new U.S. National Space Policy, as authorized by the President on April 25, 2003, establishes guidance and implementation actions for commercial remote sensing space capabilities. A fact sheet regarding the new policy directive may be found in the "What's New" section on the NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing Web site at <http://www.licensing.noaa.gov>. The policy's goal is "to advance and protect U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by maintaining the nation's leadership in remote sensing space activities, and by sustaining and enhancing the U.S. remote sensing industry."

As part of the implementation of the new policy, NOAA is seeking public comment on all aspects of its licensing program for commercial remote sensing satellite systems. NOAA is seeking comments on topics such as:

- The current NOAA regulations on commercial remote sensing satellite systems (15 CFR 960);
- The current thresholds for commercial operations of U.S. systems;
- The U.S. Government's manner of conditioning operations of U.S. system operators;
- Issues of foreign availability and competition; and,
- Possible alternative approaches to address U.S. national security, foreign policy, and commercial interests.

For public reference, the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992, NOAA regulations, and other relevant materials may be found in the "Reference Materials" section on the NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing Web site at <http://www.licensing.noaa.gov>. Comments should be received by NOAA no later than November 19, 2003 by postal service to the address listed above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy Stryker, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-2024 x205, fax (301) 713-2032, e-mail [Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov](mailto:Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov), or Bernard Crawford at telephone (301) 713-2024 x204, e-mail [Bernard.Crawford@noaa.gov](mailto:Bernard.Crawford@noaa.gov).

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bahrain

October 14, 2003.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2004.

**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 these limits, 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 website at <http://www.customs.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.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to establish the limits for the 2004 period.

These limits are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body. However, as the ATC and all restrictions thereunder will terminate on January 1, 2005, no adjustment for carryforward (borrowing from next year's limits for use in the current year) will be available.

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). Information regarding the availability of the 2004 Correlation will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**James C. Leonard III,**

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#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 14, 2003.

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; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2004, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or