

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 and conclude no later than 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL 33716; telephone: (727) 572-7800.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reef Fish AP will review draft Reef Fish Amendment 30B to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 30B contains potential management measures to define overfishing and overfished thresholds and an optimum yield (OY) target for gag, end overfishing of gag, increase the total allowable catch (TAC) of the red grouper stock to its OY level, establish recreational and commercial allocations for gag and red grouper, establish accountability measures for gag to assure compliance with ending overfishing, adjust commercial grouper quotas and recreational grouper bag limits, closed seasons, and/or size limits, reduce discards and discard mortality of groupers, establish a new reef fish marine reserve and/or extend the duration of the existing Madison-Swanson and Steamboat Lumps marine reserves, and require that federally permitted reef fish vessels comply with the more restrictive of federal or state reef fish regulations when fishing in state waters.

Copies of the agendas and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with

the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take 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 Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: February 21, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Request for Public Comment on a Commercial Availability Request under the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement**

February 20, 2008.

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

ACTION: Request for Public Comments concerning a request for modification of the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement (USAFTA) rules of origin for a viscose/polyester blended yarn.

SUMMARY: On February 1, 2008, the Chairman of CITA received a request from Gentry Mills, alleging that certain viscose rayon fiber, classified in subheading 5504.10.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic or Australian industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that CITA consider whether the USAFTA rule of origin for 52% viscose/48% polyester blended yarn, classified under HTSUS subheading 5510.90.2000 should be modified to allow the use of non-U.S. and non-Australian viscose rayon fiber. The President may proclaim a modification to the USAFTA rules of origin for textile and apparel products

after reaching an agreement with the Government of Australia on the modification. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether viscose rayon fiber of HTSUS 5504.10.0000 can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by **March 27, 2008**, to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Flaaten, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 USC 1854); Section 203 (o)(2)(B)(i) of the United States - Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805 note) (USAFTA Implementation Act); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

BACKGROUND:

Under the USAFTA, the parties are required to eliminate customs duties on textile and apparel goods that qualify as originating goods and meet the rules of origin set out in Annex 4-A to the USAFTA. The USAFTA provides that, after consultations, the parties may agree to revise the rules of origin for textile and apparel products to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the free trade area. See Article 4.2.5 of the USAFTA. In the consultations, each party must consider data presented by the other party showing substantial production of the good. Substantial production has been shown if domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the good in a timely manner.

The USAFTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the USAFTA rules of origin as are necessary to implement the agreement after complying with the consultation and layover requirements of section 104 of the USAFTA Implementation Act. See section 203(o)(2)(B)(i) of the USAFTA Implementation Act. Executive Order 11651 established CITA to supervise the implementation of textile trade agreements and authorizes the Chairman of CITA to take actions or recommend that the United States take actions necessary to implement textile trade agreements. 37 FR 4699 (March 4, 1972).