

manufactured or produced outside the United States, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service.

Selection Criteria

Companies will be selected for participation in the mission on the basis of:

- Consistency of company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission as described herein;
- Relevance of a company's business and product line to the identified growth sectors;
- Seniority of the representative of the designated company;
- Past, present, or prospective international business activity;
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.

An applicant's partisan, political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process.

VI. Time Frame for Applications

Applications for the China Business Development mission will be made available on or about February 22, 2002. The fee to participate in this mission has not yet been determined, but will be approximately \$6,000–\$8,000. The fees will not cover travel or lodging expenses, which will be the responsibility of each participant. For additional information on the trade mission or to obtain an application, contact the Department of Commerce Office of Business Liaison at 202–482–1360. Applications should be submitted to the Office of Business Liaison by March 15, 2002, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Contact: Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, Tel: (202) 482–1360, Fax: (202) 482–4054, Mission Web Site: <http://www.doc.gov/chinatradedmission>.

Dated: February 22, 2002.

Linda M. Conlin,

Assistant Secretary for Trade Development.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021102D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 775–1600–02

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Michael Sissenwine, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, Room 312, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 775–1600–01.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (978)281–9200; fax (978)281–9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 16, 2002, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 2198) that an amendment of Permit No. 775–1600, issued March 6, 2001 (66 FR 14135), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the 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 permit amendment authorizes the permit holder to capture, examine, measure, flipper tag (retain tissue from tagging), apply a “seal hat”, and photograph up to 200 gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) pups; blood sample 50 of the 200 pups captured; and VHF tag 30 of the 200 pups captured. These activities will occur in coastal Maine and Massachusetts for purposes of stock assessment.

Dated: February 19, 2002.

Ann D. Terbush,

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. 021402C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1021–1658

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Jenifer A. Hurley, Ph.D., Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, 8272 Moss Landing Road, Moss Landing, CA 95039, has applied in due form for a permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before March 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The application 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

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213; phone (562) 980–4001; fax (562) 980–4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Amy Sloan (301) 713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to obtain up to 10 California sea lions (CSL) and 5 harbor seals (HS) with no more than 8 animals (6 CSL and 2 HS) maintained at any given time. Animals will be obtained from rehabilitation centers, Naval facilities, or aquaria to be used in the research program. All research projects are accomplished through the cooperative assistance of trained marine mammals. The three proposed areas of research focus include physiology research, veterinary medicine, and ocean exploration. First, physiology experiments will be performed in both the laboratory and free release settings in the open ocean, continuing on and building on previous physiology

studies. Different aspects of diving, swimming, and resting physiology will be studied comparatively including metabolism, heart rate, respiratory rate, body temperature, and substrate utilization. Second, the veterinary medicine studies will investigate health issues of marine mammals, including a plan to determine if marine mammals have *Helicobacter* present in stomach mucous and explore possible antibiotic treatments. Third, for the ocean exploration studies, CSLs will be trained to perform open ocean activities to include carrying cameras for benthic surveys and to assist in nautical archaeology.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 21, 2002.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 02-C0003]

Regent International Corporation, Inc., a Corporation Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Flammable Fabrics Act in the Federal Register in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1610.05(d). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Regent International Corporation, Inc., a corporation containing a civil penalty of \$75,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by March 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 02-C0003, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Kacoyanis, Trial Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0980, 1346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: February 21, 2002.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary.

Settlement Agreement and Order

1. This Settlement Agreement and Order, entered into between Regent International Corporation, Inc. (hereinafter, "Regent" or "Respondent"), and the staff of the consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "staff"), pursuant to the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1605.13, is a compromise resolution of the matter described herein, without a hearing or determination of issues of law and fact.

I. The Parties

2. The "staff" is the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "Commission"), an independent federal regulatory commission of the United States government established pursuant to section 4 of the Consumer Product

Safety Act (CPSA), as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2053.

3. Respondent Regent International Corporation, Inc. is a Subchapter "S" corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York. Regent is located at 1411 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. Regent is a manufacturer and importer of clothing.

II. Allegations of the Staff

4. On March 9, 1996, Regent filed a continuing guaranty with the Commission. The guaranty covered all men's, women's, and children's apparel, excluding sleepwear, for a period of three years. In the guaranty filed by Regent on March 9, 1996, Regent represented that it had performed reasonable and representative testing of its product lines and that its products conformed to the applicable flammability regulations.

5. Throughout October 1996, Regent imported approximately 165,000 of the "Jason Maxwell" sherpa fleece garments, Style Numbers 12142, 12143, 12144, 12145, 12146, 12147, 22049, 22050, 22051, 22052, 22053, 22054, 32035, 32036, 32037, 32038, 32039, 32040, 52010, 52011, 52012, and 52013, made from 80% cotton, 20% polyester (hereinafter, "sherpa garments"), for sale to retail customers in the United States.

6. These sherpa garments were subject to the Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles (hereinafter, "Clothing Standard"), 16 CFR part 1610, issued under section 4 of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1193.

7. Because Regent had filed a continuing guaranty with the Commission on March 9, 1996, Regent was required to conduct reasonable and representative testing on the sherpa garments and to maintain the requisite records for three years to support the guaranty under section 8(a) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1197(a) and 16 CFR 1610.37 and .38.

8. Before selling its sherpa garments to its customers, Regent failed to conduct reasonable and representative testing or to verify whether the foreign manufacturer, The Motiff Factory, had conducted reasonable and representative testing on the sherpa garments to support the guaranty under section 8(a) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1197(a) and 16 CFR 1610.37.

9. Regent did not maintain the requisite records to support the guaranty under section 8(a) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1197(a) and 16 CFR 1610.38.

10. On December 30, 1996, J.C. Penney, Regent's largest customer, notified Regent that one of its customers had reported an incident when one of