

scientific research permit had been filed by Geo-Marine, Inc.

The Applicant requested authorization to conduct aerial surveys for marine mammals and sea turtles in near-shore waters of Vieques, Puerto Rico. The objectives of the surveys were to determine occurrence, migration routes, and habitat utilization for the species occurring in the Inner Range, Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility, Vieques. The applicant failed to respond within 60 days to reviewer comments in order to complete their application, and thus, the application has been returned.

Dated: August 31, 2001.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: September 4, 2001.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Hong Kong

September 6, 2001.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 12, 2001.

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 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 U.S. Customs 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 current limits for certain categories are being reduced for carryforward used and the rescinding of carryforward.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 75674, published on December 4, 2000.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 6, 2001.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 28, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on September 12, 2001, you are directed to reduce the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹ |
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| Sublevel in Group I 218/225/317/326 | 78,707,824 square meters of which not more than 4,341,659 square meters shall be in Category 218(1) ² (yarn dyed fabric other than denim and jacquard). |
| Sublevels in Group II 338/339 ³ (shirts and blouses other than tank tops and tops, knit). | 2,955,671 dozen. |
| 631 | 749,409 dozen pairs. |
| 648 | 1,208,635 dozen of which not more than 1,208,635 dozen shall be in Category 648-W. ⁴ |
| 649 | 957,348 dozen. |
| 650 | 197,976 dozen. |
| Within Group II sub-group | |
| 350 | 149,808 dozen. |
| Sublevels in Group III | |
| 834 | 14,246 dozen. |
| 835 | 118,723 dozen. |

| Category | Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹ |
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| 836 | 183,031 dozen. |
| 840 | 698,574 dozen. |
| 842 | 282,360 dozen. |
| 847 | 378,733 dozen. |

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

² Category 218(1): all HTS numbers except 5209.42.0060, 5209.42.0080, 5211.42.0060, 5211.42.0080, 5514.32.0015 and 5516.43.0015.

³ Category 338/339: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0018, 6109.10.0023, 6109.10.0060, 6109.10.0065, 6114.20.0005 and 6114.20.0010.

⁴ Category 648-W: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0040, 6204.23.0045, 6204.29.2020, 6204.29.2025, 6204.29.4038, 6204.63.2000, 6204.63.3000, 6204.63.3510, 6204.63.3530, 6204.63.3532, 6204.63.3540, 6204.69.2510, 6204.69.2530, 6204.69.2540, 6204.69.2560, 6204.69.6030, 6204.69.9030, 6210.50.5035, 6211.20.1555, 6211.20.6820, 6211.43.0040 and 6217.90.9060.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Announcement of Intent To Grant a Limited Field Exclusive License to the Interests of the U.S. Government in Certain Inventions Generated Through Efforts of the U.S. Army, and U.S. Patent Applications, and for Patents Based Thereon

AGENCY: U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command—Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (TACOM-ARDEC), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces, that unless there is objection, in fifteen days it will grant an Exclusive license to InvenCom LLC, 800 East Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28203, limited to the field of application for any "Forcible Entry Apparatus" of the type that is placed in contact with the structure to be breached when utilizing the device, of the U.S. Government's interests in the following four inventions and in all patent applications and patents that result from or are based on same: (i) "Liquid Eject Propulsion Forcible Entry Device Power Supply" by

Charles A. Mossey, et al., Army docket no. 2001-005; (ii) "Liquid Eject Propulsion Forcible Entry Device Firing Circuit" by Charles A. Mossey, et al., Army docket no. 2001-026; (iii) "Liquid Eject Propulsion Forcible Entry Device And Burst Disc Mechanism Thereof" by Charles A. Mossey, et al., Army docket no. 2001-027; and (iv) "Recoilless Impact Device" by Charles A. Mossey, et al., U.S. patent application number 09/710,073, filed on November 10, 2000 (Army docket no. 2001-028).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Moran, Chief, Intellectual Property Law Division, AMSTA-AR-GCL, U.S. Army TACOM-ARDEC, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ 07806-5000, e-mail: jfmoran@pica.army.mil telephone (973) 724-6590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written objections must be filed on or before September 27, 2001.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Nationwide Permit Program

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In the July 31, 2001, issue of the **Federal Register** (66 FR 39499) the Corps of Engineers (Corps) announced the availability of the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Nationwide Permit (NWP) Program. The overall purpose of the draft PEIS is to review and evaluate the NWP program as a whole to ensure that the NWP program authorizes only activities with no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment. We have received several requests to extend the comment period, which ends September 14, 2001. To ensure ample opportunity to review the draft PEIS and to provide meaningful comments, we are extending the comment period 45 days to October 29, 2001. We have submitted a copy of the draft PEIS to EPA's Office of Federal Activities which is also publishing a Notice of Availability in September 14, 2001 **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments on the draft PEIS must be received by October 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources, CEIWR-PD, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, Virginia 22315-3868.

Submit electronic comments to NWPPEIS@usace.army.mil. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for file formats and other information about filing electronic comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Brumbaugh, CEIWR-PD, at 703-428-6370 or to download a copy of the draft PEIS access <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/iwr/Regulatory/regulintro.htm> or for information on the Corps Regulatory program access <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps has decided to prepare a voluntary PEIS on the Corps NWP Program, even though the Corps has determined that it is not legally required to do so. The PEIS will evaluate the NWP process (requirements and procedures) and examine and compare programmatic and procedural alternatives to the NWP Program. To accomplish this, the PEIS will look at the structure, implementation, and performance (in terms of achieving the stated goals) of the NWP Program as a whole. It will identify, evaluate, and compare programmatic alternatives and procedural changes to ensure that the adverse environmental effects of activities authorized by NWPs will be no more than minimal, individually and cumulatively. The PEIS will also examine how the procedures have been implemented in the Corps field offices to ensure that the adverse environmental effects of activities authorized by NWPs will be no more than minimal, individually and cumulatively. The PEIS will address the NWP Program and will not address the impacts of any specific NWP(s) (neither the existing NWPs nor the Corps current proposed reissuance of NWPs). The Corps of Engineers prepared an Environmental Assessment on the NWP Program that resulted in the issuance of a FONSI on June 23, 1998. There is no change in the proposal or the environmental aspect of the proposal examined in the EA; therefore, the Corps has determined that it is not required to prepare an EIS or a PEIS in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FONSI is available for review on the Corps Regulatory Program webpage <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/>. The NWP Program is designed and implemented

to ensure that the NWPs do not reach the threshold of environmental impacts that would require that an EIS be prepared. The Corps prepares an Environmental Assessment (EA) on each specific NWP when the Corps issues or reissues that NWP. These EAs are prepared at the Office of the Chief of Engineers, and are supplemented by the Division Engineers with regional information on potential environmental impacts, including adding regional conditions where necessary to ensure that the impacts of each NWP are minimal both individually and cumulatively.

As indicated above, the Corps has determined that the PEIS is not a legally required Environmental Impact Statement. The Corps is preparing the voluntary PEIS in accordance with Corps regulations at 33 CFR part 325, appendix B, and with CEQ regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508. The Corps had hoped to complete the PEIS prior to the reissuance of the NWPs that were proposed on August 9, 2001, in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 42070, even though the Corps has determined that completing the voluntary PEIS prior to reissuance is not legally required. However, with the extension of the comment period the Corps will not be able to complete the PEIS before the NWPs will need to be issued in order to ensure that the existing NWPs do not expire without new NWPs to take their place. The CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1506.1(c) do not prohibit the Corps from issuing the NWPs prior to completing the voluntary PEIS, because the Corps has determined that the PEIS is not a required PEIS. We will thus be in full compliance with NEPA for the reissuance of the NWPs through preparation of an EA on each NWP prior to issuance. Moreover, the issuance of the NWPs by the end of this year will not preclude or limit the ability of the Corps to make modifications to the NWP Program or to make changes to the NWPs in accordance with any need for changes identified in the PEIS. The Corps can, and has in the past, issued revisions to existing NWPs and new NWPs prior to the expiration of NWPs five years from the date of issuance. The Corps has submitted this voluntary draft PEIS to EPA's Office of Federal Affairs (OFA) for review. In accordance with procedures specified in NEPA regulations, OFA is publishing in September 14, 2001, **Federal Register** a Notice of Availability of the draft PEIS for public review through October 29, 2001. In The draft PEIS can be downloaded from the Institute for Water Resources homepage at <http://>