

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)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1078-1796.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore 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 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests authorization to import two male, adult beluga whales from Grupo Empresarial Chapultepec, S.A. DE C.V., Mexico City, Mexico to the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Georgia, or alternatively the Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut. The applicant requests this import for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility, the Georgia Aquarium located at 225 Baker Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30313, is scheduled to open November 23, 2005, and aquaria contacts are aware of the public display criteria for holding marine mammals for public display and their obligation to demonstrate said criteria prior to acquiring these animals. Alternatively, these animals may be transported to the Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, Connecticut 06355, for temporary holding while the Georgia Aquarium completes its facility. Mystic Aquarium is: (1) open to the public on regularly scheduled basis with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging for an admission fee; (2) offers an educational program based on professionally accepted standards of the AZA and the Alliance for Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums; and (3) holds an Exhibitor's License, number 16-C-0025, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131-59).

In addition to determining whether the applicant meets the three public display criteria, NMFS must determine whether the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed activity is humane

and does not represent any unnecessary risks to the health and welfare of marine mammals; that the proposed activity by itself, or in combination with other activities, will not likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock; and that the applicant's expertise, facilities and resources are adequate to accomplish successfully the objectives and activities stated in the application.

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.

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: June 29, 2005.

Patrick Opay,

Acting 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

Cancellation of Visa, ELVIS, Guaranteed Access Level (GAL) Certification, and Exempt Certification Requirements for Member Countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

June 29, 2005.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection canceling visa, quota reporting, and staged entry requirements for WTO member countries for goods exported prior to January 1, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip J. Martello, Director, Trade and Data Division, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In a notice and letter published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2004

(see 69 FR 75516), the United States terminated all visas, ELVIS transmissions, GAL certifications, and exempt certification requirement with trading partners who are members of the WTO and stated that such visa arrangements would not apply to goods exported from the country of origin on and after January 1, 2005.

Effective on July 1, 2005, the United States is terminating the requirements for textile visas, ELVIS transmissions, exempt certifications, guaranteed access level certifications, quota reporting, and staged entry (see 69 FR 72181, published on December 13, 2004.) for entry of goods subject to the WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing quotas that were exported prior to January 1, 2005. For countries that are not WTO members, that have continuing textile quotas and visa (and ELVIS) arrangements under bilateral agreements, visas will continue to be required for entry of goods exported prior to January 1, 2005. The termination of textile visa requirements and quota reporting also applies to the quotas which expired prior to January 1, 2005 for China, and staged entry for overshipments of quotas which expired prior to January 1, 2005. However, the quota for socks in categories 332/432/632part, exported from China during the October 29, 2004 - October 28, 2005 period, remains in effect.

In the letter below, CITA instructs the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to cancel all requirements for visas, ELVIS transmissions, GAL certifications, exempt certifications, quota reporting, and staged entry for goods exported from the country of origin prior to January 1, 2005. For goods that are the product of countries that are not members of the WTO, applicable requirements for quotas, visas, ELVIS transmissions, GAL certifications, and exempt certifications will remain in effect.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 29, 2005.

Commissioner,
*Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, D.C. 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 14, 2004. That directive canceled all previous directives concerning requirements for visa, ELVIS transmissions, Guaranteed Access Level (GAL) Certifications, and Exempt Certifications, issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, for the following countries,

covering cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and non-cotton vegetable fiber textile and textile products subject to the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, effective for goods exported from those countries on and after January 1, 2005 from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Macedonia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, UAE, and Uruguay. It also amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 9, 2004 concerning staged entry.

Effective on July 1, 2005, you are directed to cancel all requirements for visa, ELVIS, exempt certification, guaranteed access level certification, quota reporting, and staged entry for entry of goods exported prior to January 1, 2005. It will cover all textile and apparel exports from the aforementioned list of WTO member countries, except for the quota for socks from China exported from the country of origin prior to January 1, 2005. Visa and ELVIS transmissions will no longer be required for cotton socks from China in Category 332, exported prior to January 1, 2005.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreement has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed collection; Comment Request.

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Cleveland, ATTN: Ms. Addie El-Amin, DFAS-PD/CL, 1240 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Ms. Addie El-Amin, (216) 204-3736.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Custodianship Certification to Support Claim on Behalf of Minor Children of Deceased Members of the Armed Forces, DD Form 2790, OMB License Number 0730-0010.

Needs and Uses: Per DoD Financial Management Regulation, 7000.14-R Volume 7B, Chapter 46, paragraph 460103A(1), an annuity for a minor child is paid to the legal guardian, or, if there is no legal guardian, to the natural parent who has care, custody, and control of the child as custodian, or to a representative payee of the child. An annuity may be paid directly to the child when the child is considered to be of majority age under the law in the state of residence. The child then is considered an adult for annuity purposes and a custodian or legal fiduciary is not required.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Annual Burden Hours: 120 hours.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 24 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The form is used by the Directorate of Annuity Pay, Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Cleveland, (DFAS-CL) in order to pay the annuity to the correct person on behalf of a child under the age of majority. If the form with the completed certification is not received, the annuity payments are suspended. Since the funds for annuity are paid by members there are no consequences to the Federal Government.

Dated: June 27, 2005.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Office of the Secretary

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ACTION: Notice.

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ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Denver, (POSA) ATTN: Ms. Donna Carpentier, 6760 East Irvington Place, Denver, CO 80279-3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Ms. Donna Carpentier, 303-676-3375.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Waiver/Remission of Indebtedness Application, DD Form 2789; OMB License Number 0730-0009.

Needs and Uses: Used by current or former DoD civilian employees or military members to request waiver or remission of an indebtedness owed to the Department of Defense. Under 5 U.S.C. 5584, 10 U.S.C. 2774, and 32 U.S.C. 716, certain debts arising out of