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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Notice of Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of Alaska Working Group will meet May 13-14, 2002.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 13-14, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Building, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, NPFMC, 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workgroup will continue its efforts to develop alternatives for rationalizing the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fisheries.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final 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 Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 24, 2002.

Matteo Milazzo,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request For Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations With the Government of Belarus

April 26, 2002.

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

ACTION: Notice.

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 categories for which consultations have been requested, 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.

On April 24, 2002, under Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of Belarus with respect to women's and girls' wool coats in Category 435 and women's and girls' wool slacks, breeches and shorts in Category 448, produced or manufactured in Belarus.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Belarus, the Government of the United States reserves its right to establish a twelve-month limit for the period beginning on April 24, 2002, and extending through April 23, 2003, of not less than 55,021 dozen for Category 435 and not less than 23,595 dozen for Category 448 for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of textile products in these categories, produced or manufactured in Belarus.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information on imports from Belarus in Categories 435 and 448 is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to James C. Leonard III, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of

Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Becky Geiger. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Belarus.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular commentary or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

This solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning these categories. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Belarus, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also see 66 FR 53783, published on October 24, 2001.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Statement of Support for the Request for Consultations With Belarus Pursuant to Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 Regarding Women's and Girls' Wool Coats, Category 435 Imports

Category 435 imports from Belarus are undermining the implementation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). The introduction of a limit on Category 435 imports from Belarus is necessary and appropriate to carry out the ATC, and is relevant to the enforcement of the ATC. Current imports from Belarus exceed imports from a number of WTO countries, imports that are limited by agreed levels (see Table I). In fact, calendar year 2001 Category 435 imports from Belarus