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Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) and its Ecosystems Committee, its Executive Committee, and its Demersal Species Committee meeting as a Council Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board, will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be convened Tuesday, December 10, 2002, to Thursday, December 12, 2002.

On Tuesday, December 10, 2002, the Ecosystems Committee will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Council will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 11, 2002, the Council will meet jointly with the ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Thursday, December 12, 2002, the Executive Committee will meet from 8 to 9 a.m. Council will meet from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Sanderling Inn Resort & Conference Center, 1461 Duck Road, Duck, NC, telephone 252-261-4111.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for the committees and Council meetings are: begin reviewing NMFS

bycatch efforts and impacts to MAFMC fishery management plans, committee update on national workshop on fishing gear impacts to essential fish habitat, discuss ASMFC workshop on multispecies assessment; monkfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report 2001 and final action on Framework 2 to modify reference points and set trip limits/days at sea for 2003; summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational management measures review and discuss Monitoring Committees' recommendations, review and discuss Advisory Panels' recommendations, and develop and approve recreational management measures for 2003; discuss and possibly identify summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass plan development priorities for 2003; review Council 2003 calendar, budget, and annual work plan; approve action to extend Illex limited access moratorium for one year, i.e., through June 30, 2004; receive and discuss organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council and ASMFC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 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 Joanna Davis at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 19, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Determination under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

November 18, 2002.

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

ACTION: Determination.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that handloomed fabric made in Lesotho and handmade articles made from such handloomed fabric that are made in Lesotho qualify for preferential treatment under Section 112(a) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Therefore, imports of eligible products from Lesotho with an appropriate AGOA Visa will qualify for duty-free treatment under the AGOA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Flaaten, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-2000)(AGOA) provides preferential tariff treatment for imports of certain textile and apparel products of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. In a letter to the Commissioner of Customs dated January 18, 2001, the United States Trade Representative directed Customs to require that importers provide an appropriate export visa from a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country to obtain preferential treatment under section 112(a) of the AGOA (66 FR 7837). The first digit of the visa number corresponds to one of nine groupings of textile and apparel products that are eligible for preferential tariff treatment. Grouping "9" is reserved for handmade, handloomed, or folklore articles.

Under Section 2 of Executive Order 13191 of January 17, 2001, CITA is authorized to "consult with beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries and to determine which, if any, particular textile and apparel goods shall be treated as being handloomed, handmade, or folklore articles" (66 FR 7272). Consultations with Lesotho were held on October 30, 2002, and CITA has now determined that handloomed fabrics produced in and exported from Lesotho and handmade articles produced in and exported from Lesotho made from such handloomed fabrics are

eligible for preferential tariff treatment under section 112(a) of the AGOA. In the letter published below, CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to allow entry of such products of Lesotho under Harmonized Tariff Schedule provision 9819.11.27, when accompanied by an appropriate export visa in grouping "9".

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 18, 2002.

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

Dear Commissioner: The Committee for the Implementation of Textiles Agreements (CITA), pursuant to Sections 112(a) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Title I of Pub. L. No. 106-200) (AGOA) and Executive Order 13101 of January 17, 2001, has determined that, effective on November 25, 2002 handloomed fabric produced in Lesotho and handmade articles produced in Lesotho from such handloomed fabric shall be treated as being handloomed, handmade, or folklore articles under the AGOA, and that an export visa issued by the Government of Lesotho for Grouping "9" is a certification by the Government of Lesotho that the article is handloomed, handmade, or folklore. CITA directs you to permit duty-free entry of such articles accompanied by the appropriate visa and entered under heading 9819.11.27 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

Sincerely,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0321]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Financing

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on its provisions. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through May 31, 2003, under OMB Control Number 0704-0321. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through May 31, 2006.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by January 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0321 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Euclides Barrera, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0321.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Euclides Barrera, at (703) 602-0296. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the World Wide Web at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Euclides Barrera, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Contract Financing, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232 and the clause at 252.232-7002; OMB Control Number 0704-0321.

Needs and Uses: Section 22 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2762) requires the U.S. Government to use foreign funds, rather than U.S. appropriated funds, to purchase military

equipment for foreign governments. To comply with this requirement, the Government needs to know how much to charge each country. The clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions, requires each contractor whose contract includes foreign military sales (FMS) requirements to submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate, and to submit a supporting schedule that clearly distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. requirements. The Government uses this information to determine how much of each country's funds to disburse to the contractor.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,508 (includes 1,836 response hours plus 3,672 recordkeeping hours).

Number of Respondents: 306.

Responses Per Respondents: 12.

Annual Responses: 3,672.

Average Burden Per Response: .5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 232, Contract Financing, and the related clause at DFARS 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions.

a. DFARS 232.502-4-70(a) prescribes use of the clause at DFARS 252.232-7002 in any contract that provides for progress payments and contains FMS requirements.

b. DFARS 252.232-7002 requires each contractor whose contract includes FMS requirements to submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate, and to submit a supporting schedule that distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. requirements.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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