Dated: April 3, 1997.

Joseph R. Blum,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Permanent Exemption of "Fashion Samples" From Visa and Quota Requirements

April 4, 1997

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs exempting "fashion samples" from visa and quota requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 11, 1997

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Fennessy, International Trade Specialist, 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).

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 1996 (61 FR 4418) announces a temporary exemption from visa and quota requirements for textile and apparel articles described as "fashion samples."

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that, effective on April 11, 1997, textile and apparel articles described as "fashion samples" which are produced or manufactured in various countries and entered into the United States for consumption shall no longer be subject to quota and visa requirements.

The term "fashion samples" is limited to wearing apparel and other textile articles purchased at retail and not imported in multiple units, i.e., no more than a single article in a particular style and/or color. These shipments must not be greater than twenty-four (24) pieces and must accompany a returning buyer. Mail and cargo shipments would not be

eligible for treatment as "fashion samples."

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 4, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, all import control directives issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. This directive also amends, but does not cancel, all visa requirements for all countries for which visa arrangements are in place with the United States.

Effective on April 11, 1997, you are directed to no longer require a visa for textile and apparel articles described as "fashion samples" which are produced or manufactured in various countries and entered into the United States for consumption. Also, these textile and apparel articles shall not be subject to existing quota.

These textile and apparel items, frequently called buyers "fashion samples" are limited to textile and apparel items purchased at retail. The "fashion samples" must accompany a buyer returning to the United States, must not be more than a single article in a particular style or color and must not exceed more than 24 pieces total. Mail and cargo shipments would not be eligible for treatment as "fashion samples."

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

Sincerely

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, Inc. Update of Petition for Exemption From the Dual Trading Prohibition in Affected Contract Markets

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of update of petition for exemption from the prohibition on dual trading in affected contract markets.

SUMMARY: Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, Inc. ("CSCE" or "Exchange") has submitted an update of its October 19, 1993 petition for exemption from the prohibition against dual trading in thirteen contract markets. Copies of the entire file, including any future

submissions, will be available to the public upon request, except to the extent the Exchange has requested confidential treatment.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the file are available from the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Reference should be made to the CSCE dual trading exemption petition file.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Andresen, Special Counsel, or Evan Davis, Staff Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581; telephone: (202) 418–5490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 4j(a)(3) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Regulation 155.5 thereunder, a board of trade may submit a petition to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") to exempt any of its affected contract markets (markets with an average daily volume of over 8,000 contracts traded for four consecutive quarters) from the prohibition against dual trading. Regulation 155.5(d)(6) authorizes the Director of the Division of Trading and Markets to publish notice of each exemption petition deemed complete under Regulation 155.5(d) and to make the petition available to the public as required by section 4j(a)(5) of the Act.

ČSCE originally submitted a petition for dual trading exemption on October 19, 1993. That petition was made available to the public by a notice of availability published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 1993. Pursuant to a request from the Commission, CSCE submitted a dual trading exemption petition update dated March 21, 1997 for its contract markets in sugar #11, coffee "C" and cocoa futures contracts and its options on sugar #11, coffee "C" and cocoa futures contracts.

Copies of the file containing all these materials and any future submissions, except to the extent the Exchange has requested confidential treatment in accordance with 17 CFR 145.9, are available for inspection at the Commission's Office of the Secretariat, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washngton, DC 20581, and may be obtained by mail at that address or by telephone at (202) 418–5100.

Petition materials subject to CSCE's request for confidential treatment may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145), except to the extent they are

entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the above address in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

The CSCE timely submitted its original petition before October 26, 1993, the effective date of the dual trading prohibition. Therefore, application of the prohibition against the contract markets covered by the petition has been suspended in accordance with Commission Regulation 155.5(d)(5) and will remain suspended until the petition is acted upon.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 3, 1997.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The 1997 Summer Study Panel Meeting on Technology Thrust of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet on April 29, 1997 at Armstrong Laboratory, Brooks AFB, TX from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefing for the 1997 Summer Study topic on Expeditionary Forces.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697–8404.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 97–9085 Filed 4–8–97; 8:45 am]

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The 1997 Summer Study Panel Meeting on Technology Thrust of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet on May 6, 1997 at Rome Laboratory, Syracuse, NY from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefing for the 1997 Summer Study topic on Expeditionary Forces.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697–8404.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 97–9086 Filed 4–8–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3910–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The 1997 Summer Study Panel Meeting on Technology Thrust of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet on May 29, 1997 at the ANSER Corporation, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefing for the 1997 Summer Study topic on Expeditionary Forces.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697–8404.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/ EIR) for the Seven Oaks Dam Water Conservation Feasibility Study, San Bernardino County, California

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers and San Bernardino

County Flood Control District propose establishing a seasonal water conservation and supply pool at Seven Oaks Dam. The study was developed in response to local concerns regarding future water supply sources, given continued regional population growth, dwindling imported water supplies, and continued increases in the cost of water. As proposed the project would retain water behind Seven Oaks Dam beginning in March through May until the target conservation pool elevation is reached, with releases to the downstream spreading grounds from June through September. Releases would be made to ensure the conservation pool is drained each year by September 30, prior to the winter flood control season.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For a copy of the draft EIS/EIR, or for additional information, please contact Mr. William O. Butler at (213) 452–3845 or Mr. Jared Miller at (213) 452–3837, or by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Attn: Mr. William O. Butler, CESPL-PD-RN, Room 14005 or Attn: Mr. Jared Miller, CESPL-PD-CN, Room 14082), P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, California 90053–2352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No significant short or long-term adverse environmental effects were identified in the draft EIS/EIR as a result of implementing or operating the Seven Oaks facility for water conservation purposes.

The public review period for the draft EIS/EIR will be for 45 days, from April 15 to May 29, 1997.

Scoping: A public scoping meeting was held in Redlands, California on Thursday, September 14, 1995. The date, time and location of this scoping meeting was announced in the local news media and with separate notification to all parties on the project mailing list.

A public scoping meeting will be held to give individuals and groups the opportunity to comment, either orally and/or in writing on the environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed action as presented in the draft EIS/EIR. A public meeting is scheduled for April 30, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, 1350 South "E" Street, San Bernardino, California. At the public meeting, the report findings and DEIS/EIR will be reviewed. Separate notification of the meeting will also be sent to all parties on the project mailing list.