

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

Dated: February 4, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,
Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: February 7, 1997.

Margaret Tieger,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of
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Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020797D]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 873 (P773#63)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 873 submitted by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,
1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130,
Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, (310/980-4016).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 64857) that an amendment of permit no. 873, issued July 28, 1993 (58 FR 34038), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222.23).

Permit no. 873 authorized the permit holder to biopsy several species of cetaceans off the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, as well as U.S. territorial waters of the Pacific and Southern Oceans and the Gulf of Mexico; and to import biopsy tissues collected outside of U.S. waters. The permit has been amended to authorize the attachment of radio tags to up to 20 sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) per year in the eastern north Pacific Ocean.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such amendment: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 10, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,
Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

February 10, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, 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 or call (202) 927-6703. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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 Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997, the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China agreed to effectuate a Bilateral Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Agreement and a Silk Apparel Agreement. The textile agreement is for a four-year period, through December 31, 2000; the silk apparel agreement is for a one-year period, through December 31, 1997.

In the letter published below from the Chairman of CITA, the Commissioner of Customs is directed to establish limits for the period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Should China become a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and should the United States apply the Agreement establishing the WTO to China, the limits set forth above may be subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

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 59 FR 15381, published on April 1, 1994; and 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 62 FR 1875, published on January 14, 1997.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the bilateral, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of its provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 10, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive cancels and supersedes the directive issued to you on January 10, 1997, 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 and silk apparel, produced

or manufactured in China and exported during the thirteen-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through January 31, 1997 and the eleven-month period beginning on February 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. All charges shall be retained.

Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); pursuant to the Bilateral Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend, Other Vegetable Fiber Textile and Silk Apparel Agreement of February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on February 14, 1997, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products and silk apparel in the following categories, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997, in excess of the following restraint limits:

Category	Twelve-month limit ¹	Category	Twelve-month limit ¹
Group I		317/326	20,335,699 square meters of which not more than 3,890,619 square meters shall be in Category 326.
200, 218, 219, 226, 237, 239, 300/301, 313-315, 317/326, 331, 333-336, 338/339, 340-342, 345, 347/348, 350-352, 359-C ² , 359-V ³ , 360-363, 369-D ⁴ , 369-H ⁵ , 369-L ⁶ , 410, 433-436, 438, 440, 442-444, 445/446, 447, 448, 607, 611, 613-615, 617, 631, 633-636, 638/639, 640-643, 644/844, 645/646, 647-652, 659-C ⁷ , 659-H ⁸ , 659-S ⁹ , 666, 669-P ¹⁰ , 670-L ¹¹ , 831, 833, 835, 836, 840, 842 and 845-847, as a group.	1,445,934,222 square meters equivalent.	613	7,306,817 square meters.
Sublevels in Group I		614	11,482,140 square meters.
200	695,664 kilograms.	615	23,903,729 square meters.
218	11,041,519 square meters.	617	16,701,294 square meters.
219	2,311,565 square meters.	631	1,250,447 dozen pairs.
226	10,496,186 square meters.	633	55,657 dozen.
237	1,905,073 dozen.	634	605,513 dozen.
239	2,958,920 kilograms.	635	638,711 dozen.
300/301	2,220,580 kilograms.	636	541,630 dozen.
313	40,700,089 square meters.	638/639	2,388,826 dozen.
314	47,270,847 square meters.	640	1,372,806 dozen.
315	129,835,119 square meters.	641	1,300,450 dozen.
		642	323,121 dozen.
		643	502,309 numbers.
		644/844	3,614,311 numbers.
		645/646	821,788 dozen.
		647	1,539,862 dozen.
		648	1,100,221 dozen.
		649	902,711 dozen.
		650	111,844 dozen.
		651	751,157 dozen of which not more than 132,246 dozen shall be in Category 651-B ¹⁹ .
		652	2,640,248 dozen.
		659-C	397,670 kilograms.
		659-H	2,743,832 kilograms.
		659-S	594,797 kilograms.
		666	3,444,092 kilograms of which not more than 1,225,000 kilograms shall be in Category 666-C ²⁰ .
		669-P	1,941,435 kilograms.
		670-L	15,451,740 kilograms.
		831	524,022 dozen pair.
		833	27,258 dozen.
		835	120,549 dozen.
		836	270,628 dozen.
		840	468,940 dozen.
		842	260,899 dozen.
		845	2,449,680 dozen.
		846	175,578 dozen.
		847	1,234,840 dozen.
		Group II	
		330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O ²¹ , 431, 432, 439, 459, 630, 632, 653, 654 and 659-O ²² , as a group.	122,343,380 square meters equivalent.
		Group III	
		201, 220, 222, 223, 224-V ²³ , 224-O ²⁴ , 225, 227, 229, 369-O ²⁵ , 400, 414, 464, 465, 469, 600, 603, 604-O ²⁶ , 606, 618-622, 624-629, 665, 669-O ²⁷ and 670-O ²⁸ , as a group.	253,782,597 square meters equivalent.
		Sublevel in Group III	
		224-V	3,477,877 square meters.
		225	6,000,000 square meters.
		331	5,082,896 dozen pairs.
		333	93,440 dozen.
		334	316,242 dozen.
		335	384,445 dozen.
		336	165,540 dozen.
		338/339	2,310,781 dozen of which not more than 1,754,135 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ¹² .
		340	781,557 dozen of which not more than 390,779 dozen shall be in Category 340-Z ¹³ .
		341	677,214 dozen of which not more than 406,329 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ¹⁴ .
		342	263,960 dozen.
		345	128,517 dozen.
		347/348	2,337,175 dozen.
		350	158,988 dozen.
		351	531,492 dozen.
		352	1,629,153 dozen.
		359-C	576,462 kilograms.
		359-V	856,398 kilograms.
		360	7,391,540 numbers of which not more than 5,041,744 dozen shall be in Category 360-P ¹⁵ .
		361	4,113,290 numbers.
		362	6,966,743 numbers.
		363	20,984,468 numbers.
		369-D	4,570,519 kilograms.
		369-H	4,771,427 kilograms.
		369-L	3,162,962 kilograms.
		410	979,362 square meters of which not more than 785,065 square meters shall be in Category 410-B ¹⁷ .
		433	20,643 dozen.
		434	13,200 dozen.
		435	24,244 dozen.
		436	14,936 dozen.
		438	26,137 dozen.
		440	37,341 dozen of which not more than 21,337 dozen shall be in Category 440-M ¹⁸ .
		442	39,528 dozen.
		443	127,702 numbers.
		444	202,839 numbers.
		445/446	287,470 dozen.
		447	69,916 dozen.
		448	22,056 dozen.
		607	3,114,484 kilograms.
		611	5,163,832 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month limit ¹
Group IV 832, 834, 838, 839, 843, 850-852, 858 and 859, as a group.	11,251,192 square meters equivalent.
Levels not in a Group	
369-S ²⁹	611,378 kilograms.
863-S ³⁰	8,575,651 numbers.
870	32,935,028 kilograms.
Silk Apparel Group 733, 734, 735, 736, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 750, 751, 752, 758 and 759, as a group.	349,565,675 square meters equivalent.
Specific limit within Group	
740 (Men's and boys' shirts, not knit).	3,336,656 dozen.
741 (Women's and girls' shirts/ blouses, not knit).	8,326,303 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

² Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010.

³ Category 359-V: only HTS numbers 6103.19.2030, 6103.19.9030, 6104.12.0040, 6104.19.8040, 6110.20.1022, 6110.20.1024, 6110.20.2030, 6110.20.2035, 6110.90.9044, 6110.90.9046, 6201.92.2010, 6202.92.2020, 6203.19.1030, 6203.19.9030, 6204.12.0040, 6204.19.8040, 6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070.

⁴ Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

⁵ Category 369-H: only HTS numbers 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500 and 4202.22.8030.

⁶ Category 369-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015 and 4202.92.6090.

⁷ Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

⁸ Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

⁹ Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹⁰ Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

¹¹ Category 670-L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025.

¹² Category 338-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0012, 6109.10.0014, 6109.10.0018 and 6109.10.0023; Category 339-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0040, 6109.10.0045, 6109.10.0060 and 6109.10.0065.

¹³ Category 340-Z: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060.

¹⁴ Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

¹⁵ Category 360-P: only HTS numbers 6302.21.3010, 6302.21.5010, 6302.21.9010, 6302.31.3010, 6302.31.5010, 6302.31.7010 and 6302.31.9010.

¹⁶ Category 410-A: only HTS numbers 5111.11.3000, 5111.11.7030, 5111.11.7060, 5111.19.2000, 5111.19.6020, 5111.19.6040, 5111.19.6060, 5111.19.6080, 5111.20.9000, 5111.20.9000, 5111.30.9000, 5111.90.9000, 5212.12.1010, 5212.13.1010, 5212.14.1010, 5212.15.1010, 5212.21.1010, 5212.22.1010, 5212.23.1010, 5212.24.1010, 5212.25.1010, 5311.00.2000, 5407.91.0510, 5407.92.0510, 5407.93.0510, 5407.94.0510, 5408.31.0510, 5408.32.0510, 5408.33.0510, 5408.34.0510, 5515.13.0510, 5515.22.0510, 5515.92.0510, 5516.31.0510, 5516.32.0510, 5516.33.0510, 5516.34.0510 and 6301.20.0020.

¹⁷ Category 410-B: only HTS numbers 5007.10.6030, 5007.90.6030, 5112.11.2030, 5112.11.2060, 5112.19.9010, 5112.19.9020, 5112.19.9030, 5112.19.9040, 5112.19.9050, 5112.19.9060, 5112.20.3000, 5112.30.3000, 5112.90.3000, 5112.90.9010, 5112.90.9090, 5212.11.1020, 5212.12.1020, 5212.13.1020, 5212.14.1020, 5212.15.1020, 5212.21.1020, 5212.22.1020, 5212.23.1020, 5212.24.1020, 5212.25.1020, 5309.21.2000, 5309.29.2000, 5407.91.0520, 5407.92.0520, 5407.93.0520, 5407.94.0520, 5408.31.0520, 5408.32.0520, 5408.33.0520, 5408.34.0520, 5515.13.0520, 5515.22.0520, 5515.92.0520, 5516.31.0520, 5516.32.0520, 5516.33.0520 and 5516.34.0520.

¹⁸ Category 440-M: HTS numbers 6203.21.0030, 6203.23.0030, 6205.10.1000, 6205.10.2010, 6205.10.2020, 6205.30.1510, 6205.30.1520, 6205.90.3020, 6205.90.4020 and 6211.31.0030.

¹⁹ Category 651-B: only HTS numbers 6107.22.0015 and 6108.32.0015.

²⁰ Category 666-C: only HTS number 6303.92.2000.

²¹ Category 359—O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2090, 6211.32.0010, 6211.42.0010 (Category 359—C); 6103.19.2030, 6104.12.0040, 6110.20.1022, 6110.20.2030, 6110.90.9044, 6201.92.2010, 6203.19.1030, 6204.12.0040, 6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070 (Category 359—V).

²² Category 659—O: all HTS numbers except 6103.43.2020, 6103.49.2000, 6104.63.1020, 6104.69.1000, 6114.30.3044, 6203.43.2010, 6203.49.1010, 6204.63.1510, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659—C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659—H); 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020 (Category 659—S).

²³ Category 224—V: only HTS numbers 5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.25.0010, 5801.26.0010, 5801.31.0000, 5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0020, 5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020.

²⁴ Category 224—O: all HTS numbers except 5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.25.0010, 5801.26.0010, 5801.31.0000, 5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0020, 5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020 (Category 224—V).

²⁵ Category 369—O: all HTS numbers except 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045 (Category 369—D); 4202.22.4020, 4202.22.4500, 4202.22.8030 (Category 369—H); 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3015, 4202.92.6090 (Category 369—L); and 6307.10.2005 (Category 369—

²⁶ Category 604—O: all HTS numbers except 5509.32.0000 (Category 604—A).

²⁷ Category 669—O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category 669—P).

²⁸ Category 670—O: only HTS numbers 4202.22.4030, 4202.22.8050 and 4202.32.9550.

²⁹ Category 369—S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

³⁰ Category 863—S: only HTS number 6307.10.2015.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The conversion factor for merged Categories 638/639 is 12.96 (square meters equivalent/category unit).

Should China become a member of the World Trade Organization and should the United States apply the Agreement establishing the WTO to China, the limits set forth above may be subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) Demonstration Project in Support of Operation Joint Endeavor

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of a CHAMPUS demonstration project to be continued in support of Operation Joint Endeavor.

SUMMARY: On February 9, 1996, 61 FR 4963, DoD published a Notice of a CHAMPUS demonstration project to be implemented in support of members of the Select Reserve called to active duty under Executive Order 12982 in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. This notice extends the demonstration for the duration of operations under Executive Order 12982.

We believe that the elimination of normally imposed CHAMPUS deductibles for this special group of beneficiaries has eased the potential financial hardship caused by unexpected increases in out-of-pocket health care costs, avoided disruption of continuity and access to care, and minimized beneficiary dissatisfaction in transition from reserve to active status. In light of continued operations, it is our intent to continue the demonstration and accomplish a program evaluation following termination of the Executive Order 12982.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 8, 1996.

POINT OF CONTACT: Major Kathleen Larkin, Senior Health Policy Analyst, OADS(HA)(HSF Policy), (703) 697-8975.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that Wilford Hall Medical Center (WHMC) has been designated the national Specialized Treatment Service facility for allogeneic bone marrow transplantation. All DoD beneficiaries who reside in the 48 contiguous United States and require allogeneic bone marrow transplantation,