

13. Report forms will be furnished to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies of the forms are available upon request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the 1998 Company Organization Survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Kenneth Prewitt,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Update of the National Security Assessment of the U.S. Cartridge and Propellant Actuated Device Industry

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), Department of Commerce, Room 3876, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone no. (202) 482-4060, fax no. (202) 482-5650, e-mail address: bbotwin@bxa.doc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Commerce/BXA, in consultation with Naval Surface Warfare Center/Indian Head Division (NSWC/IHD) is conducting a follow-on national security assessment of the domestic cartridge and propellant actuated device industry in order to re-evaluate the health and competitiveness of the U.S. industry

and its ability to support current and future defense needs. The original assessment was conducted in 1994 (approved under OMB Control No. 0694-0080), and NSWC/IHD is interested in conducting a follow-on assessment in light of recent Navy and industry actions to maintain and enhance this critical sector.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected using a non-recurring, mandatory survey. It will be collected in written form.

III. Data

The survey will collect information on the nature of the business performed by each firm; estimated sales and employment data; financial information; research and development expenditures and funding sources; capital expenditures and funding sources; and competitiveness issues.

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: The domestic U.S. cartridge and propellant actuated device industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5.0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 for respondents—no equipment or other materials will need to be purchased to comply with the requirement.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112498B]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 393-1480)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ms. Deborah A. Glockner-Ferrari, Center for Whale Studies, 39 Woodvine Court, Covington, Louisiana 70433-4724, has applied in due form for a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and several species of small odontocete cetaceans for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 9682-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak or Trevor Spradlin, 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222.23).

The purpose of the proposed research is to continue the long-term study on humpback whales (begun in 1975) for an additional 5-year period to: (1) identify and determine the sex, relative age-class, and reproductive condition of individual whales through photo identification techniques; (2) describe and photo document social behavior; (3) record social sounds and individual whale songs; and (4) collect and export free-floating samples of sloughed skin and mucous secretions for genetic analyses. Observations may be made of the following species on an opportunistic basis, during conduct of the research on humpback whales: Pacific bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), spotted dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), Hawaiian spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), and short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*).

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: November 30, 1998.

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

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

November 30, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing 1999 limits and charging transshipments to the 1999 limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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.

The Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China establishes limits for textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999.

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 1998 (63 FR 25202) announced that transshipment charges would be made to the 1999 quota year for Categories 331, 341, 347/348, 351, 352, 631, 636, 641, 647, 649 and 652, pursuant to the February 1, 1997 MOU and in accordance with a letter to the Government of the People's Republic of China dated May 4, 1998.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limits for 1999 and to charge transshipments to the aforementioned categories for 1999.

The 1999 limits may be revised if China becomes a member of the World

Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to China.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Information regarding the 1999 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 30, 1998.

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

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1999, 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 in the following categories, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit
Group I 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 ¹ , 359-V ² , 360-363, 369-D ³ , 369-H ⁴ , 369-L ⁵ , 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 ⁶ , 659-H ⁷ , 659-S ⁸ , 666, 669-P ⁹ , 670-L ¹⁰ , 831, 833, 835, 836, 840, 842 and 845-847, as a group.	1,474,997,500 square meters equivalent.