

and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 889 authorizes the permit holder to maintain one elephant seal. The seal will be trained for in-air and underwater sound detection threshold tests. The permit holder requests authorization to maintain an additional elephant seal from beached/stranded stock to conduct visual sensitivity tests.

Dated: January 18, 1995.

P.A. Montanio,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Clarification of Guidelines for Exempt Certifications for "India Items"

January 13, 1995.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs clarifying guidelines for exempt certifications.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 26, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Tallarico, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

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 (MOU) dated December 31, 1994, the Governments of the United States and India outlined further guidelines for issuing and accepting exempt certifications for "India items." These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the "Agreed List of Traditional Folklore Handicraft Textile Products of India—India Items" (Annex E) of the Bilateral Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile of February 6, 1987, as amended and extended.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs not to accept exempt certifications for "Indian items" which include closure devices such as zippers, elastic (any form), elasticized fabric (any form), or hook-and-pile fasteners (such as "Velcro" or other similar holding fabric). In addition, U.S. Customs Service shall not accept items

with buttons (including snap buttons) used as a means of securing at the waist such Indian items as salwar, ghagra/lahnga and pavadai. The design and/or ornamentations of such items should be a uniquely "traditional and historical Indian" design.

Shipments of "Indian items" which do not conform with the guidelines in Annex E of the bilateral agreement and the MOU of December 31, 1994 shall be denied entry.

See 44 FR 68504, published on November 29, 1979.

Rita D. Hayes,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 13, 1995.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 26, 1979, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directed you to prohibit entry of certain textile products, produced or manufactured in India for which the Government of India has not issued an appropriate visa or exempt certification.

The purpose of this directive is to further clarify the guidelines currently used by U.S. Customs Service in accepting exempt certifications for textile products exported from India and certified as "India items," under the provisions of the bilateral agreement.

In a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 31, 1994, the Governments of the United States and India agreed that Indian items may not include closure devices such as zippers, elastic (any form), elasticized fabric (any form), or hook-and-pile fasteners (such as "Velcro" or other similar holding fabric). In addition, buttons (including snap buttons) may not be used as a means of securing at the waist such Indian items as salwar, ghagra/lahnga and pavadai.

When considering the design and/or ornamentations, it should be a uniquely "traditional and historical Indian" design.

Effective on January 26, 1995, you are directed to deny entry of textile products certified by the Government of India as "India items" which do not conform with the current guidelines and the guidelines provided in this directive.

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,

Rita D. Hayes,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces. The Commission will meet in open session from 12:45 p.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m., and in closed session from approximately 2:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

During the open part of the meeting, the Commission will hear a report from its infrastructure panel, discuss selected infrastructure issues, and consider the progress of the staff work being done on process issues. During the closed portion of the meeting, the Commission will address topics that require the disclosure of classified information, including counterproliferation and other classified issues.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-453, as amended (5 U.S.C. App II), it has been determined that these portions of the Commission on Roles and Missions meeting concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public during these times.

DATES: February 8, 1995, 12:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Gregg Hartung, Director for Public Affairs, Commission on Roles and Missions, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1200F, Arlington, Virginia 22209; telephone (703) 696-4250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the press who wish to reserve seating should contact Commander Gregg Hartung, Director for Public Affairs, in advance at (703) 696-4250.

Dated: January 20, 1995.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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