

on February 28, 1986 (51 FR 7097). Public scoping meetings were conducted pursuant to notice published on May 19, 1986 (51 FR 18352). The scoping meetings were held to allow NOAA to gather information and determine the range and significance of issues related to the potential Sanctuary designation and management of the Norfolk Canyon site. A preliminary draft resource assessment/environmental impact statement was completed in 1992. No further significant action toward designation has occurred since that time.

III. The Site

Norfolk Canyon is located approximately 60 nautical miles east of the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay (offshore Virginia), and is the southernmost of a series of submarine canyons along the Atlantic continental margin. This is a deep-water site, characterized as a non-glaciated area that is influenced by a major drainage system (the Chesapeake Bay), and is habitat for several alcyonariid and scleractinid corals. The area is approximately positioned about the coordinates: 37°03.3n by 74°38.4W.

IV. Action

The SRD has been unable to actively pursue designation of this site for reasons pertaining to availability of resources and Program priorities. NOAA has decided to focus its limited personnel and budgetary resources on completion of Congressionally-designated sites; on consideration of bio-geographic areas not well represented by the Sanctuary Program; and on sites that are more significantly affected by human activities. NOAA's resources are being directed at bringing the management of designated sanctuaries up to levels consistent with mandates of the Act. NOAA finds, through information gathered for the preliminary draft resource assessment and environmental impact statement, that there appears to be the minimal threat to the Norfolk Canyon site, relative to other proposed and existing sites. Human activities are limited primarily to low levels of commercial and recreational fishing. No mineral mining or ocean disposal activity occurs at the site, and the near-term prospects of such activities are unlikely.

Accordingly, the site is withdrawn from Active Candidate status and further consideration of Norfolk Canyon for designation as a National Marine Sanctuary is discontinued.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: August 18, 1997.

Captain Evelyn J. Fields,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

August 20, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting import limits and Guaranteed Access Levels.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, 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) 927-5850. 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); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Categories 351/651 is being increased for special shift, reducing the limit for 342/642 to account for the increase.

Upon the request of the Government of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for certain textile products.

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 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 65375, published on December 12, 1996.

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 Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 20, 1997.

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 December 6, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on August 26, 1997, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Adjusted limit 1. Rows include 342/642 and 351/651 categories.

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

The Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for Categories 342/642 and 351/651 remain unchanged. You are directed to increase the current GALs for the following categories:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Guaranteed Access Level. Rows include 338/638, 347/348/647/648, and 433 categories.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of 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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