

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D.031798A]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 978, issued to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, Newport, Oregon 97365, was amended effective on March 20, 1998.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115 (206/526-6150).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Hochman, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

By letter of February 9, 1998, the Oregon Coast Aquarium (Aquarium) and the Free Willy Keiko Foundation (Foundation) jointly requested that the public display permit issued on September 25, 1995, to the Oregon Coast Aquarium be amended to change the Permit Holder from the Aquarium to the Foundation. NMFS reviewed this request along with supporting documentation and determined that: (1) The Foundation has the responsibility for and the authority to determine the disposition of "Keiko"; (2) the Foundation meets the three criteria for holding marine mammals for purposes of public display; (3) for Marine Mammal Inventory purposes, the holder of record of "Keiko" should be the Foundation; and (4) it was appropriate to amend the permit to change the Permit Holder from the Aquarium to the Foundation.

This amendment of Permit No. 978 is considered a "minor amendment"

under 50 CFR 216.39(a)(2) and, therefore, publication of this **Federal Register** notice is not required. However, NMFS determined that, in this case where a change in Permit Holder is involved, a notice is appropriate. This notice should not be perceived as a precedent concerning other minor amendments.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Art Jeffers,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Amendment of Visa and Certification Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador**

March 24, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa and certification requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 1998.

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

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.

Effective on March 27, 1998, textile products in Categories 352/652, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported on or after March 27, 1998 will no longer require a visa. In addition, products in Categories 352/652 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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). Also

see 60 FR 2740, published on January 11, 1995.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 24, 1998.

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 January 6, 1995, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in El Salvador which were not properly visaed by the Government of El Salvador.

Effective on March 27, 1998, you are directed to no longer require a visa for shipments of textile products in Categories 352/652 which are produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported on or after March 27, 1998. In addition, products in Categories 352/652 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Amendment of Visa and Certification Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Honduras**

March 24, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa and certification requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 1998.

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

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.

Effective on March 27, 1998, textile products in Categories 352/652, produced or manufactured in Honduras and exported on or after March 27, 1998 will no longer require a visa. In addition, products in Categories 352/652 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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). Also see 61 FR 38236, published on July 23, 1996.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 24, 1998.

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 July 18, 1996, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain textile products, produced or manufactured in Honduras which were not properly visaed by the Government of Honduras.

Effective on March 27, 1998, you are directed to no longer require a visa for shipments of textile products in Categories 352/652 which are produced or manufactured in Honduras and exported on or after March 27, 1998. In addition, products in Categories 352/652 will no longer be subject to the Special Access Program.

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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AmeriCorps Education Awards Program.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (the "Corporation") seeks to expand opportunities for individuals to serve as AmeriCorps members and earn educational benefits, broaden the network of national service programs and strategies, increase the number of communities joining with AmeriCorps to better meet compelling local needs, and encourage additional non-federal resources to support national and community service.

Accordingly, the Corporation announces the availability of up to 10,000 education awards from the National Service Trust (the Trust) for national, state, and local community service programs that: (1) Can support most or all of the AmeriCorps member and program costs from sources other than the Corporation; (2) meet agreed-upon AmeriCorps program requirements; and (3) are judged to be high quality according to Corporation criteria, as highlighted below and set forth in the application materials. The education awards may be earned by AmeriCorps members successfully completing full-time, part-time, or reduced part-time terms of service in a community service program approved through this application process.

AmeriCorps Education Awards programs supported through this competition are expected to uphold standards of service quality, member support and program management similar to other AmeriCorps programs in order to maintain the integrity of the AmeriCorps National Service Network. However, the Corporation has modified certain AmeriCorps requirements and permits program sponsors greater management and operating flexibility. In addition, the Corporation will consider requests for up to \$500 per full-time member (pro-rated for part-time members) to manage these programs.

Potential program sponsors eligible to apply under this Notice include national nonprofit organizations, multi-state collaborations, State Commissions on National and Community Service (on behalf of local non-profit organizations, state and local units of government, other state-wide programs, and programs operating only within the state), institutions for higher education, and state education agencies.

Program and administrative requirements are set forth in the application guidelines issued by the Corporation.

DATES: Applications may be obtained on or after March 25, 1998. There are two separate competitions for funding with the following deadlines: April 23, 1998, and June 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Application materials and additional information may be requested from: AmeriCorps Education Awards Program, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20525. Materials may also be requested by telephone, at 202/606-5000, ext. 417, or (TDD) 202/565-2700, and may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service. This service addresses the Nation's education, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In doing so, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.

Pursuant to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12501, *et seq.* (the Act), the Corporation may "support innovative and model programs." 42 U.S.C. 12653(b). In addition, an individual can receive an education award from the National Service Trust if, among other things, the individual "successfully completes the required term of service * * * in an approved national service position." 42 U.S.C. 12602. The Act defines an approved national service position to include six specific service positions and "such other national service positions as the Corporation considers to be appropriate." 42 U.S.C. 12573.

The AmeriCorps Education Awards Program was launched in the 1997 program year, during which 104 proposals were approved, representing approximately 14,000 service positions. Sponsors include national non-profit organizations, state commissions, institutions of higher education, state and local agencies, and local organizations. Program requirements and application guidelines have been refined based on the experience of this first year.

Program Eligibility and Design

The Corporation will accept applications from eligible applicants

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds and Education Awards Under the AmeriCorps Education Awards Program

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and education awards under the