

EEZ south of 34° N. lat. and east of 121° W. long., transfers of live tuna from a U.S. purse seiner for the purpose of transporting the tuna alive to the Mexican EEZ.

Section 204(d)(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act provides, among other things, that an application may not be approved until the Secretary determines that "no owner or operator of a vessel of the United States which has adequate capacity to perform the transportation for which the application is submitted has indicated \*\*\* an interest in performing the transportation at fair and reasonable rates." NMFS is publishing this notice as part of its effort to make this determination.

Interested U.S. vessel owners and operators may obtain a copy of the complete application, including vessel modifications necessary to accommodate the pens into which the live tuna will be placed, from NMFS (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: February 24, 1999.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Amendment of Coverage of Unit of Quantity Requirement for Textile and Apparel Products Produced or Manufactured in Various Countries to Include Coverage of Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey

February 23, 1999.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending coverage of the requirement that visa quantities be in whole numbers only.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 1999.

**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.

As stated in a notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs dated November 30, 1998, published in the Federal Register on December 4, 1998

(63 FR 67053), the United States Government has notified all countries with visa arrangements with the United States of the requirement to issue visas in whole numbers. In that letter, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commissioner of Customs to require that the quantity stated on the visa be listed in whole numbers only. Subsequently, in a notice and letter dated December 21, 1998, published in the Federal Register on December 29, 1998 (63 FR 71622), this directive was amended, excluding Bangladesh, Egypt, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turkey from this requirement, and directing Customs not to deny entry to products from these countries solely because the accompanying visa states the quantity using decimals or fractions.

The Governments of Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey have agreed to implement this requirement. Effective on April 1, 1999, products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey must be accompanied by a visa stating the quantity in whole numbers only. The requirement will apply to products exported on or after April 1, 1999.

There will be a 30-day grace period, beginning on April 1, 1999 and extending through April 30, 1999, during which Customs shall not deny entry for products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey solely because the accompanying visa does not state the quantity in whole numbers. Customs will continue to use standard rounding procedures for such products. Goods exported on or after May 1, 1999 must have visas in whole numbers.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to implement the November 30, 1998 directive for textile products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey and exported on or after April 1, 1999.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

February 23, 1999.

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 30, 1998, as amended on December 21, 1998 by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. The former directive directs you to require that shipment quantities of textile and apparel products entered into the United States be stated on

the visa in whole numbers only. The latter directive excludes, among other countries, Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey from this requirement.

The Governments of Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey agreed to implement this visa requirement. Effective on April 1, 1999, you are directed to implement this requirement for textile products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey and exported on or after April 1, 1999. The requirement for the use of whole numbers will be effective only for goods exported on or after April 1, 1999.

Textile products produced or manufactured in Bangladesh, Egypt and Turkey and exported during the period April 1, 1999 through April 30, 1999 shall not be denied entry solely because the accompanying visa states the quantity using decimals or fractions. However, Customs will continue to charge in whole units using standard rounding procedures. Goods exported on or after May 1, 1999 must have visas in whole numbers.

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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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)), notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service:

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, March 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Room 216, University Place Conference Center, 850 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks by Chair
- II. Welcome by Local Hosts
- III. Report from the Chief Executive Officer
- IV. Approval of Minutes and Proceedings of Previous Board Meeting
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
  - B. Management Committee
    1. Inspector General's Report
    2. Management Action Plan
    3. National Academy on Public