

Ecosystem Model Technical Workshop Schedule:

May 19–21, 2003—EFH/FEP Development Technical Workshops #3–#6, Wetlands (Submerged Aquatic Vegetation & Mangroves), Pelagic Habitat (*Sargassum* and Water Column)

May 19, 2003, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; May 20, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and May 21, 2003 from 8:30 a.m.–12 noon

Location: NOAA Beaufort Lab, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, NC 28516; telephone: (252) 728–8746.

May 21–23, 2003—South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Development Workshop #1.

May 21, 2003, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; May 22, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; and May 23, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: NOAA Beaufort Lab, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, NC 28516; telephone: (252) 728–8746.

July 1–2, 2003—EFH/FEP Development Technical Workshop #7 GIS

July 1, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., and July 2, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: Florida Marine Research Institute, 100 Eighth Avenue, S.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33701; telephone: (727) 896–8626.

August 19–21, 2003—EFH/FEP Development Technical Workshops #8–#10, Marsh, Oyster/Shell Habitat and Water Issues

August 19, 2003, 1 p.m.–5 p.m., August 20, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., and August 21, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 571–1000.

September 23–25, 2003—South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workshop #2

September 23, 2003, 1 p.m.–5 p.m., September 24, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., September 25, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: Florida Marine Research Institute, 100 Eighth Avenue, S.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33701; telephone: (727) 896–8626.

October 20–21, 2003—EFH/Ecosystem Workshop #11 - Impacts of Fishing on Habitat

October 20, 2003, 1 p.m.–5 p.m., October 21, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–12 noon

October 21–22, 2003—EFH/Ecosystem Workshop #12, Research and Monitoring

October 21, 2003, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. and October 22, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Location: Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 571–1000.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Dated: April 21, 2003.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Commercial Availability Request Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the United States - Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

April 22, 2003.

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

ACTION: Denial of the petition alleging that lastol elastic yarn, for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

SUMMARY: On February 21, 2003, the Chairman of CITA received a request from the Dow Chemical Company alleging that lastol elastic yarn, classified under items 5402.49.9005 and 5404.10.8005 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. It requested that apparel articles from such yarns, or from U.S.-formed fabric containing such yarns be eligible for preferential treatment under the AGOA and the CBTPA. Based on currently available information, CITA has determined that a substitutable product can be supplied by the

domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and therefore denies the request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet E. Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 112 (b)(5)(B) of the AGOA, Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(III) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA; Sections 1 and 6 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The AGOA and the CBTPA provide for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns or fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. The AGOA and the CBTPA also provide for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary country, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the AGOA and the CBTPA. On March 6, 2001, CITA published procedures that it will follow in considering requests. (66 FR 13502).

On February 21, 2003, the Chairman of CITA received a request from the Dow Chemical Company alleging that lastol elastic yarn, which is a crosslinked, heat resistant elastic yarn having elevated temperature elasticity comprising a cured, irradiated or crosslinked ethylene polymer, classified under items 5402.49.9005 and 5404.10.8005 of the HTSUS, for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. It requested that apparel articles from such yarns, or from U.S.-formed fabric containing such yarns, that are both cut (or knit-to shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary countries be eligible for preferential treatment under the AGOA or the CBTPA.

On March 3, 2003, CITA solicited public comments regarding this request (68 FR 9997), particularly with respect to whether these fabrics can be supplied