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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 43283) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Steller sea lions had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit was issued on November 11, 2002 (67 FR 69724) under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226). However, a decision regarding the proposed transport of juvenile sea lions to the ASLC for temporary maintenance and associated experiments was deferred pending additional environmental analyses. A supplemental environmental assessment on the effects of these activities was prepared, resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Permit No. 881–1668, issued to the Alaska SeaLife Center, authorizes takes of threatened and endangered Steller sea lions of all ages in Alaska by capture, hot-branding, flipper tagging, collection of blood and tissue samples from, attachment of external scientific instruments, mortality incidental to research, and harassment incidental to these activities and remote monitoring. In addition to these activities, the amended permit authorizes transport of up to 16 juvenile Steller sea lions per year to the ASLC for short-term captivity, health assessments (including

anesthesia, blood sampling, blubber biopsy, diagnostic x-ray, endoscopy, bioelectric impedance analysis, deuterated water, and urinalysis), controlled fasting, and adrenocorticotrophic hormone challenge experiments.

Issuance of this permit amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 31, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,
Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education
Division, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

August 5, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and
Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy
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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, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Web site at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel Web site at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing and carryover.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2002). Also see 67 FR 63891, published on October 16, 2002.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 5, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 9, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on August 8, 2003, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Twelve-month limit ¹
Group I	
200, 218, 219, 226, 237, 239pt. ² , 300/301, 313–315, 317/326, 331pt. ³ , 333–336, 338/339, 340–342, 345, 347/348, 351, 352, 359–C ⁴ , 359–V ⁵ , 360–363, 410, 433–436, 438, 440, 442–444, 445/446, 447, 448, 611, 613–615, 617, 631pt. ⁶ , 633–636, 638/639, 640–643, 644, 645/646, 647, 648, 651, 652, 659–C ⁷ , 659–H ⁸ , 659–S ⁹ , 666pt. ¹⁰ , 845 and 846, as a group.	1,181,007,809 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
200	887,271 kilograms.
218	12,787,895 square meters.
219	2,855,462 square meters.
226	12,965,879 square meters.
237	2,429,788 dozen.
300/301	2,571,798 kilograms.
313	48,061.550 square meters.