SUMMARY: We, the United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), will attend the fifteenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP15) in Doha, Qatar, during March 13–25, 2010. This notice announces the availability of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP15. All of this information is on our website at http://www.fws.gov/international/newspubs/fedregnot_list.html and is also available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority.

DATES: In further developing U.S. negotiating positions on these issues, we will continue to consider information and comments submitted in response to our notice of November 4, 2009 (74 FR 57190). We will also continue to consider information received at the public meeting announced in that notice, which was held on December 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP15 posted on our website should be sent to the Division of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 212; Arlington, VA 22203; or via e-mail at: cop15@fws.gov.

Available Information on CoP15

Information concerning the results of CoP15 will be available after the close of the meeting on the Secretariat’s website at http://www.cites.org; or upon request from the Division of Management Authority; or on our website (http://www.fws.gov/international/DMA_DSA/CITES/CITES_home.html).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and agenda items contact: Robert R. Gabel, Chief, Division of Management Authority; telephone, 703-358-2095; e-mail, cop15@fws.gov. For information pertaining to species proposals contact: Dr. Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority; telephone, 703-358-1708; e-mail, scientificauthority@fws.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

[73 FR 57190, January 12, 2008] (Proposed)

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Eleventh Regular Meeting; Tentative U.S. Negotiating Positions for Agenda Items and Species Proposals Submitted by Foreign Governments and the CITES Secretariat

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now or potentially may become threatened with extinction. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, which are available on the CITES Secretariat’s website at http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.shtml. Currently, 175 countries, including the United States, are Parties to CITES. The Convention calls for biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties to review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the lists of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, and draft resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by all the Parties. Accredited nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) may participate in the meeting as approved observers and may speak during sessions when recognized by the meeting Chairman, but they may not vote or submit proposals.

This is our fourth in a series of Federal Register notices on the development of U.S. submissions and tentative negotiating positions for CoP15. In this notice we announce the availability on our website of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other Parties and the Secretariat for consideration at CoP15. All of this information is also available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority (see “ADDRESSES,” above). We published our first CoP15-related Federal Register notice on September 29, 2008 (73 FR 56605), and with it we requested information and recommendations on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP15. We published our second such Federal Register notice on July 13, 2009 (74 FR 33460), and with it we requested public comments and information on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items that the United States was considering submitting for
consideration at CoP15. In our third Federal Register notice, published on November 4, 2009 (74 FR 57190), we announced the provisional agenda for CoP15, solicited public comments on items on the provisional agenda, and announced a public meeting to discuss the agenda items. That public meeting was held on December 2, 2009.

You may obtain information on the above Federal Register notices from the following sources. For information on draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items, contact the Division of Management Authority (see “ADDRESSES,” above); and for information on species proposals, contact the Division of Scientific Authority (see “ADDRESSES,” above). Our regulations governing this public process are found in 50 CFR 23.87.

Pursuant to 50 CFR 23.87(a)(3)(iii), with this notice we are posting on our website (http://www.fws.gov/international/newspubs/fedregnot_list.html) a summary of our proposed negotiating positions on the items included in the CoP15 agenda and proposed amendments to the Appendices, and the reasons for our proposed positions.

Tentative Negotiating Positions

On our website (http://www.fws.gov/international/newspubs/fedregnot_list.html), we summarize the tentative U.S. negotiating positions on proposals to amend the Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items that have been submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat. Documents submitted by the United States either alone or as a co-proponent for consideration by the Parties at CoP15 can be found on the Secretariat’s website at: http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/index.shtml. Those documents are: CoP15 Docs. 36, 41.3, 41.4, 41.5, 48, 54, and 67. The United States, either alone or as a co-proponent, submitted the following proposals to amend Appendices I and II: CoP15 Props. 2, 3, 15, 16, 21, 25, 28, and 31. We will not provide any additional explanation of the U.S. negotiating position for documents and proposals that the United States submitted. The introduction in the text of each of the documents the United States submitted contains a discussion of the background of the issue and the rationale for submitting the document.

AUTHOR: This notice was prepared by Clifton A. Horton, Division of Management Authority, under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: March 5, 2010

Daniel M. Ashe
Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
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Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92–463 and 94–579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands on Friday, March 26, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will meet in formal session on Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cal Works Building, 2895 S. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243. Agenda topics will include updates by Council members and reports from the BLM District Manager and five field office managers. Additional agenda topics may include updates on legislation, the Wild Horse and Burro program, and renewable energy. Final agenda items, including details of the field tour, will be posted on the BLM California state Web site at http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All California Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment for items not on the agenda will be scheduled at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

While the meeting is tentatively scheduled to conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, it could conclude earlier should the Council conclude its presentations and discussions. Therefore, members of the public interested in a particular agenda item or discussion should schedule their arrival accordingly.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Briery, BLM California Desert District External Affairs, (951) 697–5220.


Jack L. Hamby,
Acting District Manager.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
[Investigation No. 731–TA–1163 (Final)]

Woven Electric Blankets From China


ACTION: Scheduling of the final phase of an antidumping investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation No. 731–TA–1163 (Final) under section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of less-than-fair-value imports from China of woven electric blankets, provided for in subheading 6301.10.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).1

1 For purposes of this investigation, the Department of Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as finished, semi-finished, and unassembled woven electric blankets, including woven electric blankets commonly referred to as throws, of all sizes and fabric types, whether made of man-made fiber, natural fiber or a blend of both. Semi-finished woven electric blankets and throws consist of shells of woven fabric containing wire. Unassembled woven electric blankets and throws consist of a shell of woven fabric and one or more of the following components when packaged together or in a kit: (1) Wire; (2) controller(s). The shell of woven fabric consists of two sheets of fabric joined together forming a “shell.” The shell of woven fabric is manufactured to accommodate either the electric blanket’s wiring or a subassembly containing the electric blanket’s wiring (e.g., wiring mounted on a substrate). A shell of woven fabric that is not packaged together, or in a kit, with either wire, controller(s), or both, is not covered by this investigation even though the shell of woven fabric may be dedicated solely for use as a material in the production of woven electric blankets. Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, only the written description of the scope is dispositive.