


Please file with NOAA Directive 05-60

SUBJECT: Redelegating of Authority from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries to the Director, Southwest Region

TO: Financial Management Centers

- 1. Introduction:** In NOAA Directives Manual 05-60, the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries is delegated the authority to issue implementing regulations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. §1361 et seq.). The Assistant Administrator may redelegate portions of this authority by publication in a NOAA circular.
- 2. Redelegating of Authority:** The authority of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries specified in 50 CFR part 216.24 (e)(2)(i) of the Regulations Governing the Importation of Tuna Taken in Association with Marine Mammals is redelegated to the Director, Southwest Region, NMFS. The Director is authorized to examine and approve, if acceptable, can code applications submitted by tuna canners identifying specific canned tuna lots containing other than yellowfin tuna. Canners with this authorization are allowed to import identified cans of lightmeat tuna from containers that do not have a positive finding under 50 CFR 216.24(e)(v) and without presenting a Certificate of Origin form to United States Customs during each time of product entry.
- 3. Restriction on Redelegating of Authority:** The Director, Southwest Region, may redelegate the authority to approve applications as specified in paragraph 2 of this circular only to the Deputy Director, Southwest Region.


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