



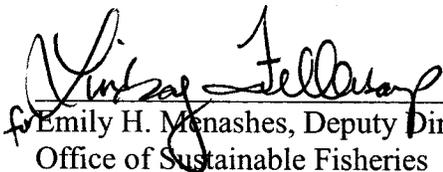
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

## **THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ANNOUNCES A FINAL RULE REGARDING THE TRADE OF ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES**

In this action, we stop prohibiting Atlantic bigeye tuna imports from the countries of Bolivia and Georgia, consistent with International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Recommendation 11-19. In 2004, as a result of ICCAT Recommendations, we prohibited the import of Atlantic bigeye tuna from Bolivia and Georgia to address illegal, unreported, and unregulated catches of tuna, especially bigeye tuna. At its 2011 annual meeting, ICCAT examined recent actions of Bolivia and Georgia, and determined that the actions of their vessels no longer diminish the effectiveness of ICCAT's conservation and management measures. Thus, ICCAT adopted Recommendation 11-19 to lift trade restrictive measures against Bolivia and Georgia.

In this action, we also implement changes in support of the International Trade Permit program. The harmonized tariff codes are updated every five years, and the most recent update occurred in 2012. Thus, we are modifying the section relating to highly migratory species products covered under the International Trade Permit to ensure it is consistent with the recent changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. Permit holders must include the species-specific harmonized tariff codes on the necessary trade documentation when trading these species.

This notice is a courtesy to the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of Federal Register. For further information on this final rule, contact Thomas Warren at 978-281-9260. Copies of the final rule are available upon request from the HMS Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-427-8503, fax: 301-713-1917). The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.

  
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