

CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also see 66 FR 63035, published on December 4, 2001.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 18, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 27, 2001, 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 Sri Lanka and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on July 24, 2002, you are directed to increase the current limit for Categories 352/652 to 2,231,911 dozen¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on Short Supply Petition under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

July 17, 2002.

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

ACTION: Request for Public Comments concerning a request for modification of the NAFTA rules of origin for certain acrylic yarn made from synthetic acid-dyeable acrylic tow.

SUMMARY: On July 2, 2002, the Chairman of CITA received a request from National Spinning Company,

Incorporated (New York, NY) alleging that certain synthetic acid-dyeable acrylic tow, classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 5501.30, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that CITA consider whether the NAFTA rule of origin for acrylic yarn classified under HTSUS 5509.31 should be modified to allow the use of non-North American tow of the type described above.

The President may proclaim a modification to the NAFTA rules of origin only after reaching agreement with the other NAFTA countries on the modification. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether the acrylic tow described above can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by August 23, 2002 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 USC 1854); Section 202(q) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 USC 3332(q)); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

BACKGROUND:

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), NAFTA countries are required to eliminate customs duties on textile and apparel goods that qualify as originating goods under the NAFTA rules of origin, which are set out in Annex 401 to the NAFTA. The NAFTA provides that the rules of origin for textile and apparel products may be amended through a subsequent agreement by the NAFTA countries. In consultations regarding such a change, the NAFTA countries are to consider issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the free trade area and whether domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the good in a timely manner. The Statement of Administrative Action (SAA) that accompanied the NAFTA Implementation Act stated that any interested person may submit to CITA a request for a modification to a particular rule of origin based on a change in the

availability in North America of a particular fiber, yarn or fabric and that the requesting party would bear the burden of demonstrating that a change is warranted. The SAA provides that CITA may make a recommendation to the President regarding a change to a rule of origin for a textile or apparel good. The NAFTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the NAFTA rules of origin as are necessary to implement an agreement with one or more NAFTA countries on such a modification.

On July 2, 2002 the Chairman of CITA received a request from National Spinning Company, Incorporated (New York, NY) alleging that certain synthetic acid-dyeable acrylic tow, classified under HTSUS subheading 5501.30, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that CITA consider whether the NAFTA rule of origin for acrylic yarn classified under HTSUS 5509.31 should be modified to allow the use of non-North American tow of the type described above.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether the acid-dyeable acrylic tow, classified in HTSUS heading 5501.30, can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The request states that National Spinning Company, Incorporated has contacted known North American suppliers of acrylic tow and was unable to locate a supplier who produced acid-dyeable acrylic tow in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be received no later than August 23, 2002. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that the acid-dyeable acrylic tow can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, CITA will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the tow stating that it produces the tow that is in the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2002.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Contract Market Designation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Catherine D. Dixon,
Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the general availability of exclusive or partially exclusive licenses under the following pending patents. Any license granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. Applications will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria: (1) Ability to manufacture and market the technology; (2) manufacturing and marketing ability; (3) time required to bring technology to market and production rate; (4) royalties; (5) technical capabilities; and (6) small business status. The subject

patent application of this notice is U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 06/795,843 entitled "Pulse Sampled Optical Fiber Hydrophone", filed September 5, 1985.

DATES: Applications for an exclusive or partially exclusive license may be submitted at any time from the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Theresa A. Baus, Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, 1176 Howell St., Newport, RI 02841, telephone (401) 832-8728 or e-mail at bausta@npt.nuwc.navy.mil.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.)

Dated: July 12, 2002.

R.E. Vincent, II,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than July 26, 2002. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This notice is being submitted to the **Federal Register** less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to administrative delays.

DATES: August 1–August 3, 2002.

TIMES: *August 1:* Assessment Development Committee: Closed Session 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Executive Committee Meeting: Open Session 4:30 p.m.–6 p.m.; Closed Session 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

August 2: Full Board Meeting: Open Session 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; Committee Meetings: Assessment Development Committee 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; Full Board—Closed Meeting 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.; Open Meeting 1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.; Closed Meeting, 3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

August 3: Full Board Meeting: Closed Session 8:45 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; Full Board Open Meeting, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

LOCATION: The Four Seasons Hotel, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-110).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On August 2, 2002 the full Board will convene in open session from 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda; receive the Executive Director's report and a NAEP Update from the Deputy Commissioner of NCES, Gary Phillips. The Board will then preview proposed policies on the NAEP program. From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee, the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology, and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session.

The full Board will reconvene in closed session on August 2, 2002 from 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. to receive a briefing on market basket reporting. This briefing will include confidential information on NAEP test items. Disclosure of the specific test items would significantly frustrate implementation of the NAEP program,