

April 22, 2002; and final party comments are due on April 24, 2002.

For further information concerning these investigations see the Commission's notice cited above and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,
Acting Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-427]

U.S. Market Conditions for Certain Wool Articles

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of second annual report, scheduling of public hearing, and request for public comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 2002.

SUMMARY: The Commission has announced the schedule for its second annual report in investigation No. 332-427, U.S. Market Conditions for Certain Wool Articles, instituted under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)) on February 12, 2001, at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact Lisa Ferens (202-205-3486; lferens@usitc.gov) of the Office of Industries; for information on legal aspects, contact William Gearhart (202-205-3091; wgearhart@usitc.gov) of the Office of the General Counsel. The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information about the Commission may be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Background:

As requested by the USTR, the Commission will provide information for 2001 and year-to-date 2001-02 on U.S. market conditions, including domestic demand, domestic supply, and domestic production for men's and boys' worsted wool suits, suit-type jackets, and trousers; worsted wool fabrics and yarn used in the manufacture of such clothing; and wool fibers used in the manufacture of such fabrics and yarn. Also, as requested by the USTR, the Commission will provide, to the extent possible, data on:

(1) Increases or decreases in sales and production of the subject domestically-produced worsted wool fabrics;

(2) Increases or decreases in domestic production and consumption of the subject apparel items;

(3) The ability of domestic producers of the subject worsted wool fabrics to meet the needs of domestic manufacturers of the subject apparel items in terms of quantity and ability to meet market demands for the apparel items;

(4) Sales of the subject worsted wool fabrics lost by domestic manufacturers to imports benefiting from the temporary duty reductions on certain worsted wool fabrics under the tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) provided for in headings 9902.51.11 and 9902.51.12 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS);

(5) Loss of sales by domestic manufacturers of the subject apparel items related to the inability to purchase adequate supplies of the subject worsted wool fabrics on a cost competitive basis; and

(6) The price per square meter of imports and domestic sales of the subject worsted wool fabrics. The USTR requested that the Commission submit its second (and final) annual report under this investigation by September 16, 2002. The USTR has stated that it will provide copies of the Commission's confidential reports to the U.S. Department of Commerce. The USTR requested that the Commission issue a public version of the annual report, as soon as possible thereafter, with any business confidential information deleted. The Commission submitted its first annual report to the USTR on September 17, 2001.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing in connection with preparation of the second annual report will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on April 18, 2002. All

persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., April 2, 2002. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 4, 2002. The deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., April 29, 2002. In the event that, as of the close of business on April 2, 2002, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary of the Commission (202-205-1806) after April 2, 2002, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions:

In connection with preparation of the second annual report for the USTR, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission. In lieu of or in addition to participating in the above-referenced hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission by no later than the close of business on April 29, 2002. Commercial or financial information that a person desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). The Commission's Rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested parties. The Commission may include confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in its reports to the USTR. In the public version of these reports, however, the Commission will not publish confidential business information in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of the firm supplying the information. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

List of Subjects:

Tariffs, Imports, Wool, Fabric, and Suits.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-427]

U.S. Market Conditions for Certain Wool Articles

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Commission has submitted a request for emergency processing for review and clearance of questionnaires to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission has requested OMB approval of this submission by COB March 11, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 2002.

Purpose of Information Collection

The forms are for use by the Commission in connection with its second, and final, annual report for investigation No. 332-427, U.S. Market Conditions for Certain Wool Articles, instituted under the authority of section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). This investigation was requested by the United States Trade Representative (USTR), which asked that the Commission submit its second annual report by September 16, 2002.

Summary of Proposal

- (1) *Number of forms submitted:* 3.
- (2) *Title of forms:* Questionnaire for U.S. Producers of Worsted Wool Fabrics; Questionnaire for U.S. Purchasers of Worsted Wool Fabrics; Questionnaire for U.S. Importers of Worsted Wool Fabrics.
- (3) *Type of request:* reinstatement with change.
- (4) *Frequency of use:* one-time use.
- (5) *Description of respondents:* U.S. producers, purchasers, and importers of worsted wool fabrics.
- (6) *Estimated number of respondents:* 56 (producers, purchasers, and importers).
- (7) *Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms:* 1,245 hours.
- (8) Information obtained from the forms that qualifies as confidential business information will be so treated

by the Commission and not disclosed in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.

Additional Information or Comment

Copies of the forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Lisa Ferens (202-205-3486; lferens@usitc.gov) of the Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission. Comments about the proposals should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102 (Docket Library), Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Docket Librarian. All comments should be specific, indicating which part of the questionnaire is objectionable, describing the concern in detail, and including specific suggested revisions or language changes. Copies of any comments should be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TTD terminal (telephone No. 202-205-1810). General information about the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Civil Rights Division; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review: Extension of a currently approved collection; Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and

affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until March 15, 2002. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments, especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact George Schneider, Special Counsel in the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division, 1800 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20008.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(3) *The Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: None. *Applicable Component:* Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract.* *Primary:* State, local or tribal governments. *Other:* None. Jurisdictions specifically covered under the Voting Rights Act are required to obtain preclearance from the Attorney General before instituting changes affecting voting. They must convince the Attorney General that proposed voting changes are not racially discriminatory.