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## COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

### Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 18 November 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary

Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.

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Dated in Washington, DC, 27 October 2004.

**Frederick J. Lindstrom**,

*Acting Secretary.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Solicitation of Public Comments on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China

October 29, 2004.

**AGENCY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee)

**ACTION:** Solicitation of public comments concerning a request for safeguard action on imports from China of cotton trousers (Category 347/348).

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received a request from the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, the National Council of Textile Organizations, the National Textile Association, SEAMS, and UNITE HERE! (Requestors) asking the Committee to limit imports from China of cotton trousers in accordance with the textile and apparel safeguard provision of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (the Accession Agreement). The Committee hereby solicits public comments on this request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay Dowling, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956, as amended; Executive Order 11651, as amended.

## BACKGROUND:

The textile and apparel safeguard provision of the Accession Agreement provides for the United States and other members of the World Trade Organization that believe imports of Chinese origin textile and apparel products are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products to request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding the disruption. Pursuant to this provision, if the United States requests consultations with China, it must, at the time of the request, provide China with a detailed factual statement showing "(1) the existence or threat of market disruption; and (2) the role of products of Chinese origin in that disruption." Beginning on the date that it receives such a request, China must restrict its shipments to the United States to a level no greater than 7.5 percent (6 percent for wool product categories) above the amount entered during the first 12 months of the most recent 14 months preceding the month in which the request was made. If exports from China exceed that amount, the United States may enforce the restriction.

The Committee has published procedures (the Procedures) it follows in considering requests for Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard actions (68 FR 27787, May 21, 2003; 68 FR 49440, August 18, 2003), including the information that must be included in such requests in order for the Committee to consider them.

On October 8, 2004, the Requestors asked the Committee to impose an Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard action on imports from China of cotton trousers (Category 347/348) on the ground that an anticipated increase in cotton trouser imports after January 1, 2005, threatens to disrupt the U.S. market for cotton trousers. The request is available at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>. In light of the considerations set forth in the Procedures, the Committee has determined that the Requestors have provided the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request.

The Committee is soliciting public comments on the request, in particular with regard to whether there is a threat of disruption to the U.S. market for cotton trousers and, if so, the role of Chinese-origin cotton trousers in that disruption. To this end, the Committee seeks relevant information addressing factors such as the following, which may be relevant in the particular circumstances of this case, involving a product under a quota that will be