

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Short Supply Request Under the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

June 12, 2002.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments
concerning a request for a determination
that certain 100 percent cotton yarn-
dyed flannel fabrics, for use in apparel
articles, cannot be supplied by the
domestic industry in commercial
quantities in a timely manner under the
CBTPA.

SUMMARY: On June 11, 2002 the
Chairman of CITA received a petition
from Intradeco Corporation alleging that
certain 100 percent cotton yarn-dyed
flannel fabrics, classified in subheading
5208.43.00 of the Harmonized Tariff
Schedule of the United States (HTSUS),
for use in apparel articles, cannot be
supplied by the domestic industry in
commercial quantities in a timely
manner. It requests that apparel of such
fabrics be eligible for preferential
treatment under the CBTPA. CITA
hereby solicits public comments on this
request, in particular with regard to
whether such fabrics can be supplied by
the domestic industry in commercial
quantities in a timely manner.
Comments must be submitted by July 2,
2002 to the Chairman, Committee for
the Implementation of Textile
Agreements, Room 3001, United States
Department of Commerce, 14th and
Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,
DC 20230.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the
Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as
added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA;
Section 6 of Executive Order No. 13191 of
January 17, 2001.

Background

The CBTPA provides for quota- and
duty-free treatment for qualifying textile
and apparel products. Such treatment is
generally limited to products
manufactured from yarns and fabrics
formed in the United States or a
beneficiary country. The CBTPA also
provides for quota- and duty-free
treatment for apparel articles that are

both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or
otherwise assembled in one or more
CBTPA beneficiary countries from fabric
or yarn that is not formed in the United
States or a beneficiary country, if it has
been determined that such fabric or yarn
cannot be supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner. In Executive Order No.
13191, the President delegated to CITA
the authority to determine whether
yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by
the domestic industry in commercial
quantities in a timely manner under the
CBTPA and directed CITA to establish
procedures to ensure appropriate public
participation in any such determination.
On March 6, 2001, CITA published
procedures that it will follow in
considering requests. (66 FR 13502).

On June 11, 2002, the Chairman of
CITA received a petition from Intradeco
Corporation of Miami, Florida, alleging
that certain 100 percent cotton yarn-
dyed flannel fabrics, classified in
HTSUS subheading 5208.43.00, of
construction 2X2 twill weave 64X54,
cannot be supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner and requesting quota-
and duty-free treatment under the
CBTPA for apparel articles that are both
cut and sewn in one or more CBTPA
beneficiary countries from such fabrics.

CITA is soliciting public comments
regarding this request, particularly with
respect to whether these fabrics can be
supplied by the domestic industry in
commercial quantities in a timely
manner. Also relevant is whether other
fabrics that are supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner are substitutable for
these fabrics for purposes of the
intended use. Comments must be
received no later than July 2, 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, NW., Washington,
DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these fabrics
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 fabrics stating that
it produces the fabrics that are 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
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, NW., 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

Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment
period.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures
Trading Commission (CFTC or agency)
in accordance with Section 515 of the
Treasury and General Government
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001
(Public Law 106-554; H.R. 5658) as
implemented by the final guidelines
published by the Office of Management
and Budget, Executive Office of the
President, on September 28, 2001 (66 FR
49718) and on January 3, 2002 (67 FR
369) (and reprinted in their entirety on
February 22, 2002, 67 FR 8452),
“Guidelines for Ensuring and
Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity,
Utility, and Integrity of Information
Disseminated by Federal Agencies,”
posted its draft guidelines on the CFTC
website, <http://www.cftc.gov/> on April
22, 2002 (see 67 FR 19558, April 22,
2002).

DATES: Comment period extended to
July 19, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Comments
should be sent by email to
<mailto:informationquality@cftc.gov> or
by FAX to Information Quality at (202)
418-5541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
response to requests to extend the
comment period in order to provide
additional time for review of the draft
guidelines, the Commission extended