

developing additional mechanisms for involvement of those affected by the ICANN policies.”<sup>11</sup> What progress do you believe ICANN has achieved with regard to this Responsibility since October 1, 2006? If you believe that progress has been made, please explain how and why? Could more be done by ICANN in this area?

7. In the JPA, ICANN agreed to undertake the following with respect to the role of governments: “ICANN shall work with the Government Advisory Committee Members to review the GAC’s role within ICANN so as to facilitate effective consideration of GAC advice on the public policy aspects of the technical coordination of the Internet.”<sup>12</sup> What progress do you believe ICANN has achieved with regard to this Responsibility since October 1, 2006? If you believe that progress has been made, please explain how and why? Could more be done by ICANN in this area?

8. In the JPA, ICANN agreed to undertake the following with respect to IP addressing: “ICANN shall continue to work collaboratively on a global and regional level so as to incorporate Regional Internet Registries’ policy-making activities into the ICANN processes while allowing them to continue their technical work. ICANN shall continue to maintain legal agreements with the RIRs (and such other appropriate organizations) reflecting this work.”<sup>13</sup> What progress do you believe ICANN has achieved with regard to this Responsibility since October 1, 2006? If you believe that progress has been made, please explain how and why? Could more be done by ICANN in this area?

9. In the JPA, ICANN agreed to undertake the following with respect to corporate responsibility: “ICANN shall maintain excellence and efficiency in operations, including good governance, organizational measures to maintain stable, international private sector organization, and shall maintain relevant technical and business experience for members of the Board of Directors, executive management, and staff. ICANN will implement appropriate mechanisms that foster participation in ICANN by global Internet stakeholders, such as providing educational services and fostering information sharing for constituents and promoting best practices among industry segments.”<sup>14</sup> What progress do you believe ICANN has achieved with

regard to this Responsibility since October 1, 2006? If you believe that progress has been made, please explain how and why? Could more be done by ICANN in this area?

10. In the JPA, ICANN agreed to undertake the following with respect to its corporate administrative structure: “ICANN shall conduct a review of, and shall make necessary changes in, corporate administrative structure to ensure stability, including devoting adequate resources to contract enforcement, taking into account organizational and corporate governance “best practices.”<sup>15</sup> What progress do you believe ICANN has achieved with regard to this Responsibility since October 1, 2006? If you believe that progress has been made, please explain how and why? Could more be done by ICANN in this area?

Dated: October 30, 2007.

**John M. R. Kneuer,**

*Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.*

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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)

October 29, 2007.

**AGENCY:** The 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 knit pile fabric made from acrylic staple fiber.

**SUMMARY:** On October 29, 2007, the Chairman of CITA received a request from Monterey Mills, alleging that certain acrylic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, classified under subheading 5503.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that CITA consider whether the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) rule of origin for knit pile fabrics, classified under HTSUS subheading 6001.10, should be modified to allow the use of non-North American acrylic staple fiber. The President may proclaim a modification to the NAFTA rules of

origin only after reaching an agreement with the other NAFTA countries on the modification. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether acrylic staple fiber of HTSUS subheading 5503.30 can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by **December 3, 2007** to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Carrigg, 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. See Section 202(q) of the NAFTA Implementation Act. 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. NAFTA Implementation Act, SAA, H. Doc. 103-159, Vol. 1, at 491 (1993). 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. SAA at 491. The NAFTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the NAFTA rules of origin as are

<sup>11</sup>Id at ¶ 6.

<sup>12</sup>Id at ¶ 7.

<sup>13</sup>Id at ¶ 8.

<sup>14</sup>Id at ¶ 9.

<sup>15</sup>Id at ¶ 10.

necessary to implement an agreement with one or more NAFTA country on such a modification. See section 202(q) of the NAFTA Implementation Act.

On October 29, 2007, the Chairman of CITA received a request from Monterey Mills, alleging that certain acrylic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, classified under subheading 5503.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that CITA consider whether the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) rule of origin for knit pile fabrics, classified under HTSUS subheading 6001.10, should be modified to allow the use of non-North American acrylic staple fiber.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether the acrylic staple fiber described above can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be received no later than **December 3, 2007**. 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 these acrylic staple fibers 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 stating that it produces fiber that is 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, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

**R. Matthew Priest,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Health Board (DHB) Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, and in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law, the following meeting is announced:

*Name of Committee:* Defense Health Board (DHB).

*Dates:* December 11 and 12, 2007.

*Times:* December 11, 2007.

8 a.m.–12:15 p.m. (Open Session).

1:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m. (Open Session).

December 12, 2007.

8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. (Open Session).

*Place of Meeting:* Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is to address and deliberate pending and new Board issues and provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing Board business.

*Agenda:* The Board will deliberate the findings and recommendations of the Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care and receive an update on the Department's efforts to reengineer the Disability Evaluation Program. The Board will receive reports from the Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury External Advisory Subcommittees. The Board will also deliberate recommendations regarding Emergency Blood Transfusion Safety and discuss DoD's convalescent plasma treatment guidelines development. Pandemic influenza preparedness and Chlamydia infection control will also be discussed.

On December 12, 2007, the board will hold a short preparatory session before the beginning of the open meeting and an administrative session after the open meeting is adjourned. The preparatory and administrative sessions are closed to the public.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165 and subject availability of space, the Defense Health Board meeting from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on December 11, 2007 and from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on December 12, 2007 is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to provide input to the Defense Health Board should submit a written statement in accordance with

41 CFR 102-3.140(C) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the procedures described in this notice. Written statement should be not longer than two type-written pages and must address the following detail: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

Individuals desiring to submit a written statement may do so through the Board's Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below at any point. However, if the written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is subject to this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Health Board until the next open meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Defense Health Board Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the Defense Health Board before the meeting that is subject to this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Defense Health Board Chairperson, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the Defense Health Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Colonel Roger L. Gibson, Executive Secretary, Defense Health Board, Five Skyline Place, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Room 810, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206, (703) 681-3279, Ext 123, Fax: (703-681-3321, ([roger.gibson@ha.osd.mil](mailto:roger.gibson@ha.osd.mil)). Additional information, agenda updates, and meeting registration are available online at the Defense Health Board Web site, <http://www.ha.osd.mil/dhb>. The public is encouraged to register for the meeting. Written statements may be mailed to the above address, e-mailed to [dhb@ha.osd.mil](mailto:dhb@ha.osd.mil) or faxed to (703) 681-3321.

Dated: October 29, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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