

States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Act); the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), accompanying the CAFTA-DR Act; Presidential Proclamations 7987 (February 28, 2006) and 7996 (March 31, 2006).

BACKGROUND:

The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA-DR Agreement have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25(4)-(5), when the President of the United States determines that a fabric, yarn, or fiber is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. See Annex 3.25, Note; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act.

The CAFTA-DR Act requires the President to establish procedures governing the submission of a request and providing opportunity for interested entities to submit comments and supporting evidence before a commercial availability determination is made. In Presidential Proclamations 7987 and 7996, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA-DR Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. On September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list (Modifications to Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, 73 FR 53200, September 15, 2008) ("Procedures").

On January 2, 2009, the Chairman of CITA received a request for a commercial availability determination ("Request") under the CAFTA-DR from Sorini, Samet & Associates LLC, on behalf of BWA, for certain woven modal-polyester fabric. On January 6, 2009, in accordance with CITA's Procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request and posted the Request on the dedicated website for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings. In its notification, CITA advised that any Response with an Offer to Supply ("Response") must be submitted by January 16, 2009, and any Rebuttal be submitted by January 26, 2009. No interested entity submitted a Response advising CITA of its objection to the Request and its ability to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act, and

CITA's Procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and demonstrating its ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabric to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject product has been added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities. A revised list has been posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings.

Specifications: Certain Woven Modal-Polyester Fabric

HTS: 5516.12; 5516.13; 5516.22; 5516.23

Fiber Content: 52% - 95% spun modal rayon; 5% - 48% filament polyester

Yarn Size (metric):

Spun Modal Rayon - 44/1 to 88/1

Filament Polyester - 59 to 92

Thread Count (metric): 31 to 53 warp ends per cm; 27 to 36 filling picks per cm

Weave: Plain

Weight: 100 - 300 grams per sq. meter

Width: 137 to 153 cm

Coloration: Piece dyed or yarns of different colors
Finishing Process: Wicked, UV blocker, peached, sanded wash, stain-resistant, and teflon finish

NOTE: In the finishing process, in the event that the polyester filament content breaks and turns into fibers, the finished fabric's specifications may fall under HTS classifications 5516.92 and 5516.93, for woven fabrics of artificial staple fiber.

Janet E. Heinzen,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Public Meetings To Discuss Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program: Creating Software Test Tool Validation Process for Participating Laboratories

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES), in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Interoperability and Compatibility (DHS/OIC) and representatives of the public safety community, will hold public meetings on March 11, 2009 and March 25, 2009. The first meeting will be held via WebEx over the Internet, and the second at the Institute for

Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) in Boulder, CO. The purpose of these meetings is to bring Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program stakeholders together to discuss what the process will be to assess software based test tools for the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program.

DATES: The first meeting will be held on March 11, 2009, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. MT. The second meeting will be held on March 25, 2009, from 9 p.m. until 5 p.m. MT. Please note registration and admittance instructions and other additional information under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will be held via WebEx over the Internet. The second meeting will be held in the Radio Building (Building 1), Room 1107, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305. The web meeting and teleconference bridge information will be e-mailed out prior to each event. Please note registration and admittance instructions and other additional information under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dereck Orr, (303) 497-5400, e-mail: dereck.orr@nist.gov. The mailing address is 325 Broadway, Mail Stop ITS.P, Boulder, CO, 80305. Information regarding OLES can be viewed at <http://www.eeel.nist.gov/oles/>. Information regarding DHS/OIC can be viewed at <http://www.safecomprogram.gov>. Information regarding ITS can be viewed at <http://www.its.blrdoc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Command, Control and Interoperability Division (CCI), Office of Interoperability and Compatibility (OIC), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) is developing a process to assess software based test tools used by laboratories seeking DHS recognition for their competence to perform tests per the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program Governing Board Compliance Assessment Bulletins. As the Project 25 suite of standards continues to mature, and interfaces continue to be developed, software based test tools have and will be developed to advance testing capabilities. These software based test tools, whether developed by a manufacturer, laboratory, or test tool development company, will play an important role in ensuring compliance with Project 25 standards.

The purpose of the March 11 and March 25 meetings is to bring Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program stakeholders together to discuss what the process will be to assess software based test tools for the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program. Currently, hardware based test tools require calibration of their output, but software test tools are not explicitly covered. The IEEE-12207-2007 standard will be used as a basis of discussion for the meetings. The results of these and potential subsequent discussions will be used in the development of an addendum to the NIST Handbook 153-2008 to specifically cover the validation of software based test tools.

There is no charge for participation for either meeting. For the first meeting, the registration deadline is March 4, 2009. For the second meeting, because of meeting room restrictions, advance registration is mandatory and limited to three representatives from any one organization. There will be no on-site, same-day registration. The registration deadline for the second meeting is March 13, 2009. A teleconference bridge will be provided for the second meeting for those stakeholders that wish to participate but cannot attend in person.

Anyone wishing to attend the first meeting must register by close of business March 4, 2009, in order to participate. Please submit your name, e-mail address and phone number to Mr. Andrew Thiessen and he will provide you with the logistics information for the meeting. Mr. Thiessen's email address is andrew@its.blrdoc.gov and his phone number is (303) 497-4427.

Anyone wishing to attend the second meeting must register by close of business March 13, 2009, in order to attend. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Ms. Kathy Mayeda and she will provide you with logistics information for the meeting. Ms. Mayeda's e-mail address is kmayeda@its.blrdoc.gov and her phone number is (303) 497-5890. All attendees are required to submit their name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Ms. Mayeda. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor and address.

Dated: February 5, 2009.

Patrick D. Gallagher,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee (RSC), in March, 2009, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the The Westin Hotel, 70 Third Street, Waltham, MA 02451; telephone: (781) 290-5600; fax: (781) 890-5959.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's RSC will discuss strategic planning with respect to the region's cooperative research efforts. Cooperative research has been undertaken in various forms throughout New England for 10 years. In order to learn from and enhance the collaborative relationships that have developed between fishermen and scientists, as well as obtain meaningful information to support fisheries management, RSC members will discuss their views on the direction and future of cooperative research. While the RSC's discussion is public, there also will be a formal stakeholder session on cooperative research strategic planning on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. for any interested members of the public who would like to participate. The RSC may consider other topics at their discretion.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice

that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 11, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 7-13, 2009. The Council meeting will begin on Sunday, March 8, 2009, at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 8 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Marriott Hotel Seattle Airport, 3201 South 176th Street, Seattle, WA 98188; telephone: (206) 241-2000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820-2280 or (866) 806-7204 toll free.