

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Allocation of a Tariff Rate Quota on the Import of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics to Persons Who Weave Such Fabrics in the United States**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

**ACTION:** The Department of Commerce (Department) is soliciting applications for an allocation of the 2006 tariff rate quotas on certain worsted wool fabric to persons who weave such fabrics in the United States.

**SUMMARY:** The Department hereby solicits applications from persons (including firms, corporations, or other legal entities) who weave worsted wool fabrics in the United States for an allocation of the 2006 tariff rate quota on certain worsted wool fabric. Interested persons must submit an application on the form provided to the address listed below by October 3, 2005. The Department will cause to be published in the **Federal Register** its determination to allocate the 2006 tariff rate quotas and will notify applicants of their respective allocation as soon as possible after that date. Promptly thereafter, the Department will issue licenses to eligible applicants.

**DATES:** To be considered, applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. on October 3, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to the Industry Assessment Division, Office of Textiles, Apparel and Consumer Goods Industries, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230 (telephone: (202) 482-4058). Application forms may be obtained from that office (via facsimile or mail) or from the following Internet address: <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/wooltrq.nsf/TRQApp/fabric>.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (the Act) created two tariff rate quotas (TRQs), providing for temporary reductions in the import duties on limited quantities of two categories of worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers: (1) for worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (Harmonized

Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11); and (2) for worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (HTS heading 9902.51.12). On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002, which includes several amendments to Title V of the Act. On December 3, 2004, the Act was further amended pursuant to the Miscellaneous Trade Act of 2004, Public Law 108-429. The 2004 amendment includes authority for the Department to allocate a TRQ for new HTS category, HTS 9902.51.16. This HTS category refers to worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameter of 18.5 microns or less. The amendment further provides that HTS 9902.51.16 is for the benefit of persons (including firms, corporations, or other legal entities) who weave such worsted wool fabric in the United States that is suitable for making men's and boys' suits. The TRQ for HTS 9902.51.16 will provide for temporary reductions in the import duties on 2,000,000 square meters annually for 2005 and 2006.

The amendment requires that the TRQ be allocated to persons who weave worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameter of 18.5 microns or less, which is suitable for use in making men's and boys' suits, in the United States. On May 16, 2005, the Department published regulations establishing procedures for allocating the TRQ. 70 FR 25774, 15 CFR 335. In order to be eligible for an allocation, an applicant must submit an application on the form provided at <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/wooltrq.nsf/TRQApp/fabric> to the address listed above by 5 p.m. on October 3, 2005 in compliance with the requirements of 15 CFR 335. Any business confidential information that is marked business confidential will be kept confidential and protected from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law.

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**ACTION:** Notice of Final Action Hearings on U.S. Model Codes, 2006 editions.

**SUMMARY:** The International Code Council (ICC), under whose auspices the International Codes ("I-Codes") are developed, maintains a process for updating these model codes based on receipt of proposals from interested individuals and organizations. The ICC's 14 separately published codes are each comprehensively updated and re-published every three years with a supplement released between each edition. The most current versions of the I-Codes are the 2003 Editions and 2004 Supplements. The 2006 Editions will be released in March, 2006.

The purpose of this notice is to invite public participation in the Final Action Hearings. At this session, public comments are reviewed and discussed and final voting is conducted to determine which proposals are adopted into the 2006 I-Codes.

The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of ICC is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the codes or standards referenced in the notice.

**Session Dates:** The Final Action Hearings of the 2004/2005 Code Development Cycle will occur between September 28 and October 2, 2005, at the COBO Center in Detroit, Michigan.

Proposed changes approved during this cycle, in addition to changes published in the 2004 Supplement, will constitute the 2006 editions of the International Codes.

The agenda for the hearing as well as updates to the schedule are also posted on the ICC Web site at: <http://www.iccsafe.org>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mike Pfeiffer, PE, Vice President, Codes and Standards Development at ICC's Chicago District Office, 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Illinois, 60478; Telephone 888-422-7233, Extension 4338; e-mail [mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org](mailto:mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The ICC produces a family of Codes and Standards that are comprehensive, coordinated and are widely used across the country in the regulation of the built environment. Local, state and federal agencies use these codes and standards as the basis for developing regulations concerning new and existing construction.

The ICC code development process is initiated when proposals from

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****International Code Council: The Update Process for the International Codes**

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