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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Patents External Quality Survey.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0057.

*Abstract:* The USPTO Quality Survey is designed to measure opinions about the services the USPTO provides to its patent application customers. This information collection contains a survey that the USPTO uses to gauge customer satisfaction with patent examination quality.

The results from this voluntary survey will assist the USPTO in guiding improvements and enhancements in the

future. The USPTO conducts the Patents External Quality Survey as part of its quality improvement efforts. This survey narrows the focus of customer satisfaction to examination quality and uses a longitudinal, rotating panel design to assess changes in customer perceptions and to identify key areas for examiner training and opportunities for improvement. The USPTO uses this survey to identify problems with examination quality and works to resolve these issues in a timely manner. The USPTO surveys patent agents, attorneys, and other individuals from large domestic corporations (including those with 500+ employees), small and medium-sized businesses, independent inventors, and universities and other non-profit research organizations. This survey does not include foreign entities.

The random sample used in this survey is drawn from One Patent Service Gateway. The sample population is drawn from the top filing firms, which are entities that have filed more than five patent applications in a 12-month period. This ongoing survey is generally conducted twice a year. The USPTO uses a rotating panel design where participants take the survey twice in back-to-back survey periods (waves). Half the participants in each survey period are new and complete the survey for the first time and half return to complete the same survey for a second time. This design allows a precise measurement of changes in customer experience over time. The rotating panels and their impact on respondents are described in more detail in the table below.

TABLE 1—THE ROTATING PANEL

Panel 1 .....	Holdover panel from the previous year, respondents are surveyed once in Wave 1.
Panel 2 .....	Wave 1 and Wave 2 in the current year, respondents are surveyed in both waves.
Panel 3 .....	New panel in the current year, respondents are only surveyed once in Wave 2.

The Patents External Quality Survey is a web-based survey. The USPTO sends potential respondents either an email or mailed pre-survey letter, depending on the respondent's preferred method of contact. At the beginning of each survey period, the USPTO provides respondents with instructions for accessing and completing the survey electronically. After a specified response period, the USPTO sends a reminder to all sample members who have not yet submitted a response. The USPTO also uses reminder/thank-you postcards and telephone calls to encourage a response from sample members.

- Forms:*
- PTO/2535 (External Quality Survey)
- Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.
- Affected Public:* Private sector.
- Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.
- Frequency:* On occasion.
- Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 750 respondents.
- Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,000 responses.
- Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.
- Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 171 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$0. The USPTO covers the costs of all survey materials.

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*Applicable Date:* July 23, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** <https://otexaproduct.trade.gov/otexacapublicsite/requests/cafta> under “Approved Requests,” File Number: CA2025003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kayla Johnson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–2532 or [Kayla.Johnson@trade.gov](mailto:Kayla.Johnson@trade.gov).

**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Determination Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic–Central America–United States Free Trade Agreement (“CAFTA–DR”)**

**AGENCY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.  
**ACTION:** Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (“CITA”) has determined that certain 100 percent monofilament yarn, as specified below, is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA–DR countries. The product is added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR in unrestricted quantities.

**DATES:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* The CAFTA–DR; Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic–Central America–United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (“CAFTA–DR Implementation Act”), Public Law 109–53; the Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act; and Presidential Proclamation 7987 (February 28, 2006).

*Background:* The CAFTA–DR provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA–DR have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA–DR provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25.4, when 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 of the CAFTA–DR; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act.

The CAFTA–DR Implementation 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 Proclamation 7987, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA–DR Implementation Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. Pursuant to this authority, on September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list of products determined to be not commercially available in the territory of any Party to the CAFTA–DR (*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) (“CITA’s Procedures”).

On June 12, 2025, CITA received a Commercial Availability Request (“Request”) from Fechheimer Brothers Co. (“Fechheimer”) for certain 100 percent polyester monofilament yarn, as specified below. On June 16, 2025, in accordance with CITA’s Procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request, which was posted 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 June 26, 2025, and any Rebuttal to a Response (“Rebuttal”) must be submitted by July 2, 2025, in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of CITA’s Procedures. No interested entity submitted a Response to the Request advising CITA of its objection to the Request with an offer to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act, and section 8(c)(2) of CITA’s Procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and providing an offer to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified yarn to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR.

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, at <https://otexaproduct.trade.gov/otexacpublicsite/shortsupply/cafta>.

### Specifications: Certain 100 Percent Polyester Monofilament Yarn

HTS: 5402.33.3000.

Yarn Description: 30d monofilament polyester.

Fiber Content: 100% Polyester.

Number of Plies: One.

Yarn Size: 30 Denier (33.33 decitex) +/– 2 Denier (2.22 decitex) Tolerance.

Filaments: One.

Joshua Kroon,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Inland Waterways Users Board Second Request for Nominations

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open Federal advisory committee second request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this second notice to request nominations to serve as representatives on the Inland Waterways Users Board (“Board”), sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Board provides independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army and the Congress. The Secretary of the Army recommends its 11 (eleven) representative organizations to the Secretary of Defense for approval. This notice is to solicit nominations for eleven (11) appointments for terms that will begin by February 16, 2026. For additional information about the Board, please visit the committee’s website at <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Inland-Waterways-Users-Board/>.

**ADDRESSES:** Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Mr. Paul D. Clouse, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Inland Waterways Users Board, CEIWR–NDC, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building (Room I–204), Alexandria, Virginia 22315–3868; by telephone at 202–768–3157; and by email at [Paul.D.Clouse@usace.army.mil](mailto:Paul.D.Clouse@usace.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alternatively, contact Mr. Steven D. Riley, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR–GW,

7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315–3868; by telephone at 703–659–3097; and by email at [Steven.D.Riley@usace.army.mil](mailto:Steven.D.Riley@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The selection, service, and appointment of representative organizations to the Board are covered by provisions of section 302 of Public Law 99–662, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2251). The substance of those provisions is as follows:

*a. Selection.* Representative organizations are to be selected from the spectrum of commercial carriers and shippers using the inland and intracoastal waterways, to represent geographical regions, and to be representative of waterborne commerce as determined by commodity ton-mile statistics.

*b. Service.* The Board is required to meet at least semi-annually to develop and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on waterways construction and major rehabilitation priorities and spending levels for commercial navigation improvements; advise and make recommendations to Congress regarding any feasibility report for a project on the inland waterways that has been submitted to Congress; advise and make recommendations to Congress regarding an increase in the authorized cost of inland waterways features and components; advise and make recommendations to Congress regarding construction, rehabilitation, and spending levels after submission of the budget proposal of the President to Congress; and report its recommendations annually to the Secretary and Congress. Additionally, the Board provides advice and recommendations on the development of a twenty (20) year capital improvement program submitted to Congress every five (5) years.

*c. Appointment.* The operation of the Board and appointment of representative organizations are subject to chapter 10, 5 U.S.C. (commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act) and departmental implementing regulations. Individuals invited or appointed to serve on the Board, or its subcommittees must be U.S. citizens and are appointed pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2251(f)(2). The members of the Board serve as representative members and shall be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.130(a), and in accordance with DoD policy and procedures. Representative organizations serve without compensation but their expenses due to Board activities are reimbursable pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2251(f)(3). The