

gloves, that are both cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country, from these fabrics as eligible for quota-free and duty-free treatment under the textile and apparel commercial availability provisions of the CBTPA and eligible under HTSUS subheadings 9820.11.27, to enter free of quota and duties, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 211 of the CBTPA, amending Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA); Presidential Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000; Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

Background

The commercial availability provision of the CBTPA provides for duty-free and quota-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary CBTPA country from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States if it has been determined that such yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and certain procedural requirements have been met. In Presidential Proclamation 7351, the President proclaimed that this treatment would apply to apparel articles from fabrics or yarn designated by the appropriate U.S. government authority in the Federal Register. In Executive Order 13191, the President authorized the Committee to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

On April 21, 2003 the Chairman of the Committee received a petition from Sandler, Travis, and Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA); Intradeco, Inc. of Miami, Florida; J. C. Penney Purchasing Corporation of Plano, Texas; and Knothe Apparel Group, Inc. of Ashford, Alabama alleging that 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, made from 21 through 36 NM single ring-spun yarns of different colors, classified in 5208.43.00 of the HTSUS, of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, weighing not more than 200 grams per square meter, for use in apparel articles excluding gloves,

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.

In response to a previous commercial availability request by the same petitioners on 100 percent cotton, yarn-dyed flannel fabric, the Committee requested public comments on June 17, 2002 (67 FR 41219). Also in response to the previous petition, the Committee and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) sought the advice of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Wholesaling and Retailing and the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Textiles and Apparel regarding the proposed action on July 3, 2002. On July 3, 2002, the Committee and USTR offered to hold consultations with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate (Congressional Committees) regarding the proposed action. On July 23, 2002, the U.S. International Trade Commission provided advice regarding the proposed action. Based on the information and advice received and its understanding of the industry, the Committee determined that the fabric set forth in the instant petition cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On May 19, 2003, the Committee and USTR submitted a report to the Congressional Committees that set forth the action proposed, the reasons for such action, and advice obtained. A period of 60 calendar days since this report was submitted has expired.

The Committee hereby designates as eligible for preferential treatment under HTSUS subheading 9820.11.27, apparel articles, excluding gloves, that are both cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more eligible CBTPA beneficiary countries, from 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, made from 21 through 36 NM single ring-spun yarns of different colors, classified in 5208.43.00 of the HTSUS, of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, weighing not more than 200 grams per square meter, not formed in the United States, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States, subject to the special rules for findings and trimmings, certain interlinings and de minimis fibers and yarns under section 112 (d) of the CBTPA, and that such articles are imported directly into the customs territory of the United States from an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country.

An "eligible CBTPA beneficiary country" means a country which the President has designated as a CBTPA beneficiary country under section 213(b)(5)(B) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(5)(B)) and which has been the subject of a finding, published in the Federal Register, that the country has satisfied the requirements of section 213(b)(4)(A)(ii) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(4)(A)(ii)) and resulting in the enumeration of such country in U.S. note 1 to subchapter XX of Chapter 98 of the HTSUS.

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Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the AFOSR Review. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the SAB leadership to advise the Director on the outcome of the AFOSR Review. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: August 29, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

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AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy published a document in the **Federal**