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To whom it may concern;
My name is Carol Niemietz
and I wish to comment on
"Made in U.S.A." labeling.

As of this date I can be
relatively assured that when
I see something that is adver-
tised or labeled as "Made in
U.S.A." on a product that it
means just that, virtually all
of the product was manufactured
here in the U.S.A. I try to buy
as many products that I can
which are "Made in U.S.A."

75% of something "made in
U.S.A." of which the other 25%
is made elsewhere does not a
U.S.A. product make, it's either
all made here in the good 'ole
U.S. of A, or it's not, you can't
have it both ways! As the say-
ing goes, you're either pregnant,
or you're not!, there is no "middle
of the road" as far as virtually
all of my friends and relatives
and I are concerned.

I buy "Made in U.S.A." products
because I have very few avenues
open to me as an American
consumer to support U.S.A.
worker and take a stand for
what I believe in, namely, the

U.S.A. Citizens and workers, not Mexican workers, the Japanese, Taiwanese, etc. In short, I am really not sorry that I don't give a rat's ass about any other country but our own. I am a patriotic, American, taxpaying, Republican Citizen and I want to be sure that when I look for and find a product labeled or advertised "Made in U.S.A." that it really is what it claims to be and that my whole U.S. Dollar is supporting the American Worker and the American Marketplace, and not some other insignificant Unamerican Country that wants to latch onto my almighty American dollar.

I don't think it's right, at all, for any unamerican country to try and hide under the guise of the "Made in U.S.A." label just re-assuming and unsuspecting American Consumers will purchase their inferior products. If their products can't stand up on their own merits and sell under their own Company and Country names, then they certainly have no business even being sold to the American public in the

first place.

As far as that goes, "The Free Trade Agreement" is a good example of what happens when unamerican companies are allowed to manufacture their inferior products in the U.S.A. (Honda, Toyota, etc.) and then once good American Companies (RCA, G.M., etc.) are allowed to manufacture their products outside the U.S.A. so they can cash in on unamerican workers who will work for practically nothing. You know who suffers? The American public who doesn't really know exactly what name brand is made in the U.S.A. and what is made elsewhere (some GM cars made in Canada, while Toyotas & Hondas are made here in the states.) The other people who suffer are the American workers who are out jobs because their once all-American companies high-tailed it out of the U.S.

Those companies that are now manufacturing on the other sides of our borders that were once American companies should not be able to cash in on the "Made in U.S.A." label at all, because

they are not "Made in U.S.A." anymore! Catch my drift? Not made in the U.S.A. borders means "Not Made in U.S.A." I want to keep it as such.

It is already confusing enough to the American Consumer, why confuse the issue anymore than it already is?

25% is just too wide a variance to be labeled "Made in USA"

I would also like to comment on the "Finalization and Enforcement of the Proposed Guides". What about this, quote "Because the guidelines are not themselves enforceable regulations, there is no penalty for violating the guides per se." Well, if there is no penalty for violating the guides, but it may lead to enforcement under section 5 of the F.T.C. act then can I really believe any label, at all? What can I believe if there are no penalties for violation?

Sincerely,

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