

350/650: cotton and man-made fiber dressing gowns**A. Imports from China and the world (1998-5/03): dozens**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	YTD 5/02	YTD 5/03	May 03	YE 5/02	YE 5/03
World	4,556,431	4,823,239	5,937,490	6,645,827	8,538,081	2,442,504	3,587,282	674,912	6,942,734	9,682,859
DMS - China	298,561	289,913	259,868	339,171	2,171,896	434,850	1,246,066	240,491	685,023	2,983,112
DMS - China Share	7%	6%	4%	5%	25%	18%	35%	36%	10%	31%

B. U.S. production data: dozens

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
US Production	1,791,000	1,662,000	1,987,000	1,185,000	963,000
Change		-7%	20%	-40%	-19%
Domestic market share - All Imports	72%	74%	75%	85%	90%
DMS - Chinese imports	5%	5%	3%	4%	23%
DMS - U.S. production	28%	26%	25%	15%	10%

NOTE: Prices for imports of Chinese cotton dressing gowns fell by 44 percent in 2002, dropping from \$2.03/square meter to \$1.13/square meter. Prices for imports of man-made fiber dressing gowns fell by 43 percent, dropping from \$2.88/square meter to \$1.64/square meter. Prices for Chinese imports continued to drop sharply into 2003.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Solicitation of Public Comments on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China

August 13, 2003.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee)

ACTION: Solicitation of public comments concerning a request for safeguard action on imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments (Category 349/649).

SUMMARY: On July 24, 2003, the Committee received a request from the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the National Textile Association alleging that imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments

(Category 349/649) are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product. They request that a textile and apparel safeguard action, as provided for in the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (the Accession Agreement), be taken on imports of brassieres and other body supporting garments. The Committee hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product. Comments must be submitted by September 17, 2003 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956, as amended; Executive Order 11651, as amended.

Background

The Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard allows the United States and other World Trade Organization Members that believe imports of Chinese origin textile and apparel products are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products to request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding such market disruption. Upon receipt of the request, China has agreed to hold its shipments to a level no greater than 7.5 percent (6 percent for wool product categories) above the amount entered during the first 12 months of the most recent 14 months preceding the request for consultations. The Member requesting consultations may implement such a limit. Consultations with China will be held within 30 days of receipt of the request for consultations, and every effort will be made to reach agreement on a mutually satisfactory solution within 90 days of receipt of the request for consultations. If agreement on a different limit is reached, the Committee will issue a **Federal Register** Notice containing a directive to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection that implements the negotiated limit. The limit is effective

beginning on the date of the request for consultations and ending on December 31 of the year in which consultations were requested, or where three or fewer months remained in the year at the time of the request for consultations, for the period ending 12 months after the request for consultations. In order to facilitate the implementation of the Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard, the Committee has published procedures (the Procedures) it will follow in considering requests for Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard actions (68 FR 27787, published May 21, 2003).

On July 24, 2003, the Committee received a request from the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the National Textile Association alleging that imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments (Category 349/649) are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product, and requesting that an Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard action be taken on imports of brassieres and other body supporting garments. The Committee has determined that this request provides the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request in light of the considerations set forth in the Procedures. The text of the request is reproduced in full below.

The Committee is soliciting public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product. Comments may be submitted by any interested person. Comments must be received no later than September 17, 2003. Interested persons are invited to submit ten copies of such comments to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

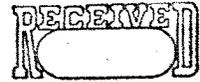
If a comment alleges that there is no market disruption or that the subject imports are not the cause of market disruption, the Committee will closely review any supporting information and documentation, such as information about domestic production or prices of like or directly competitive products. Particular consideration will be given to comments representing the views of actual producers in the United States of a like or directly competitive product.

The Committee will protect any business confidential information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. To the extent that business confidential information is provided, two copies of a non-confidential version

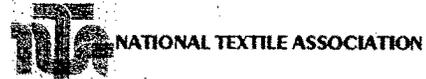
must also be provided in which business confidential information is summarized or, if necessary, deleted. Comments received, with the exception of information marked "business confidential", will be available for inspection between 9:00 a.m and 4:30 p.m in Room 2233, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20230.

The Committee will make a determination within 60 calendar days of the close of the comment period as to whether the United States will request consultations with China. If the Committee is unable to make a determination within 60 calendar days, it will cause to be published a notice in the **Federal Register**, including the date by which it will make a determination. If the Committee makes a negative determination, it will cause this determination and the reasons therefore to be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Committee makes an affirmative determination that imports of Chinese origin textiles and apparel products are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products, the United States will request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding such market disruption.

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July 24, 2003

Mr. James Leonard, Chairman
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
U.S. Department of Commerce – Room H310
14th and Constitution, NW
Washington DC 20230

Dear Mr. Leonard:

The American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the National Textile Association petition that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) impose a textile safeguard action under the procedures set forth in Federal Register notice 03-12893 as provided for in the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (WTO) with respect to imports of products that have been integrated under category 349/649, brassieres.

The member companies of the trade associations making this request represent over two-thirds of domestic textile production and produce component that go into the product in question.

As the attached category specific information sheet will show, imports from China of these products have clearly "threatened to impede the orderly development of trade" and caused market disruption in the U.S. market.

As a result, the U.S. textile industry, which depends heavily on production sharing arrangements with Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico, in addition to domestic purchasers, has seen its production of components for the product in question drop substantially because of the Chinese surge. In addition, Chinese prices, which fell 54% in 2002, have put severe downward pricing pressure on U.S. and foreign suppliers, eroding profitability and the ability of other suppliers to compete.

U.S. production of these products fell 7 percent in 2002 while Chinese imports have surged and the Chinese share of the import market is now four times larger than its next largest competitor.

If you need any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Roger Milliken
American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition



Willis C. Moore, III
American Textile Manufacturers Institute



William Giblin
National Textile Association

349/649: cotton and man-made fiber brassieres

A. Imports from China and the world (1998-5/03): dozens

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	YTD 5/02	YTD 5/03	May-03	YE 5/02	YE 5/03
World	33,049,503	38,861,183	39,216,189	36,902,579	44,641,057	16,081,332	19,427,236	3,924,201	37,961,586	47,986,961
China	3,545,755	3,943,327	4,084,363	3,185,108	10,580,029	2,788,555	6,430,305	1,448,830	4,787,269	14,221,779
China Share	11%	10%	10%	9%	24%	17%	33%	37%	13%	30%

B. U.S. production data: thousands of dozens

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
US Production	28,942	32,079	28,360	24,329	22,695
Change	-4%	11%	-12%	-14%	-7%
Domestic market share – All Imports	53%	55%	58%	60%	67%
DMS – Chinese imports	6%	6%	4%	4%	17%
DMS – U.S. production	47%	45%	42%	40%	33%

Prices for imports of man-made fiber brassieres from China fell 54 percent in 2002, dropping from \$15.19/square meter to \$7.04/square meter. Prices of cotton brassieres fell 15% through YTD 3/03, falling from \$6.53 to \$5.56/square meter. (Note: man-made fiber brassieres account for approximately 85% of the brassiere market.)

James C. Leonard III,
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.*
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and
Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National
and Community Service (hereinafter the
"Corporation"), as part of its continuing
effort to reduce paperwork and
respondent burden, conducts a
preclearance consultation program to
provide the general public and Federal
agencies with an opportunity to
comment on proposed and/or
continuing collections of information in
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44
U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program
helps to ensure that requested data can
be provided in the desired format,
reporting burden (time and financial
resources) is minimized, collection
instruments are clearly understood, and
the impact of collection requirement on
respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is
soliciting comments concerning its
proposed application entitled: Next
Generation Grant Application
Instructions. Copies of the information
collection requests can be obtained by
contacting the office listed below in the
ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted to the office listed in the
ADDRESSES section by October 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the
Corporation for National and
Community Service, Ms. Theresa Hill,
8th floor, 1201 New York Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Theresa Hill at (202) 606-5000, ext. 261;
by e-mail at thill@cns.gov, or by the TDD
number at (202) 565-2799.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comment Request

The Corporation is particularly
interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of the
functions of the Corporation, including
whether the information will have
practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the
agency's estimate of the burden of the
proposed collection of information,
including the validity of the
methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the
collection of information on those who
are to respond, including through the
use of appropriate automated,
electronic, mechanical, or other
technological collection techniques or
other forms of information technology,
e.g., permitting electronic submissions
of responses.

Background

The Corporation publishes
application guidelines and notices of
funding availability that include
information about the funding and
requirements. The application
instructions provide the information,
instructions, and forms that potential
applicants need to complete an
application to the Corporation for
funding by utilizing the new eGrants
system developed by the Corporation.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks public
comment on the forms, the instructions
for the forms, and the instructions for
the narrative portion of these
application instructions.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and
Community Service.

Title: Next Generation Grant
Application Instructions.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Eligible applicants to
the Corporation for funding.

Total Respondents: 40.

Frequency: Once per year.

Average Time Per Response: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 400.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):
None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/
maintenance):* None.

Comments submitted in response to
this notice will be summarized and/or
included in the request for Office of
Management and Budget approval of the
information collection request; they will
also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 13, 2003.

Nancy Talbot,

Director, Program Planning and Development.
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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the
Delaware River Basin Commission will
hold an informal conference followed
by a public hearing on Wednesday,
September 3. The hearing will be part of
the Commission's regular business
meeting. Both the conference session
and business meeting are open to the
public and will be held at the
Commission's offices at 25 State Police
Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The conference among the
commissioners and staff will begin at 9
a.m. Topics of discussion will include:
an update on development of the Water
Resources Plan for the Delaware River
Basin; an update on the Tri-State
Initiative for watershed management in
the 300-square mile area surrounding
Port Jervis, New York; a presentation by
a representative of the Wildlands
Conservancy on the conservation
management plan for the Lehigh River
Watershed; consideration of whether
toxics criteria should be extended to
DRBC Water Quality Management Zones
1 and 6; consideration of whether the
DRBC should make any additional
designations of intra-state tributaries as
Outstanding Basin Waters; and a
presentation on the proposed submittal
to the United States Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA), Regions II and
III, of four total maximum daily loads
(TMDLs) for polychlorinated biphenyls
(PCBs) in Delaware River Zones 2
through 5.

The subjects of the public hearing to
be held during the 1:30 p.m. business
meeting include, in addition to the
dockets listed below, consideration of a
petition submitted by the Pennsylvania
Suburban Water Company to suspend
Commission approval of Docket D-98-
11(CP), the "Cornog Quarry" surface
water withdrawal project, located in the
East Branch Brandywine Creek
Watershed in Wallace Township,
Chester County, Pennsylvania.

1. *Borough of Weatherly D-80-80 CP
RENEWAL 3.* A ground water renewal
project with an increase of withdrawal
from 12 million gallons (mg)/30 days to
14.2 mg/30 days to supply the
applicant's distribution system from
existing Wells Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in the
Black Creek Watershed. The project is
located in Weatherly Borough, Carbon
County, Pennsylvania.

2. *Town of Clayton D-84-34 CP
RENEWAL 3.* A ground water
withdrawal renewal project to continue
pumping 8.5 mg/30 days of water to