

working groups may have a late afternoon or an evening meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2004.

An optional field trip is planned for Wednesday, February 25, 2004. The public comment period is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, from 6–8 p.m. at the Best Western Pecos Inn, 2209 West Main Street. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, oral comments may be limited.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. All meetings are open to the public. At this meeting, topics for discussion include:

Rehabilitation of older oil and gas well sites, access issues on Cooke's Peak, oil and gas and cultural management in the Carlsbad Area, the Preferred Upstream Management Practices (PUMP) III Project (a cultural resources Geographic Information System database focused on oil and gas fields), update on noxious weeds program, and proposed RAC initiatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, (505) 438-7517.

Dated: February 3, 2004.

Ron Dunton,
Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1430-BJ] ES-052046, Group 43, Illinois

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Illinois

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will officially file the plat of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and the survey of a portion of the subdivision of section 17, which define the Great River National Wildlife Refuge acquisition boundary in Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Fourth Principal Meridian, Illinois, accepted on January 29, 2004, in the Eastern States Office, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

The survey was requested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be submitted in writing to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to the date of the official filing.

We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: January 29, 2004.

Stephen D. Douglas,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-458]

Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel From Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2, 2004.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on January 27, 2004, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*. The Commission instituted the investigation under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)) to provide advice regarding the probable economic effect of granting preferential treatment to apparel made from fabrics or yarns that are the subject of petitions filed in 2004 with the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) under the “commercial availability” provisions of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA), and the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA). The Commission conducted similar investigations in the years 2001–03 to provide advice with respect to petitions filed in those years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact Jackie W.

Jones (202-205-3466, jones@usitc.gov) of the Office of Industries; for information on legal aspects, contact William Gearhart (202-205-3091, wgearhart@usitc.gov) of the Office of the General Counsel. The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information about the Commission may be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

Background: The Commission will follow procedures similar to those followed in the commercial availability reviews in 2003 under investigation No. 332-450. Thus, in 2004, the Commission will provide advice for each commercial availability review under one investigation number. In addition, the Commission will post a notification letter announcing the initiation of each review on its Internet site (<http://www.usitc.gov>) and send the notification letter to a list of interested parties who wish to be automatically notified via facsimile about any requests for which the Commission initiated analysis. Interested parties may be added to this list by notifying Jackie W. Jones (202-205-3466, jones@usitc.gov). The notification letter will specify the article(s) under consideration, the deadline for submission of public comments on the proposed preferential treatment, and the name, telephone number, and Internet e-mail address of a staff contact for additional information. The Commission has a special area on its Internet site (<http://www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm>) to provide the public with information on the status of each request for which the Commission initiated analysis. CITA publishes a summary of each request from interested parties in the **Federal Register** and posts them on its Internet site (U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/fr.htm>).

The Commission will submit its reports to the USTR not later than the 42nd day after receiving a request for advice. The Commission will issue a public version of each report as soon as possible thereafter, with any

confidential business information deleted.

Written Submissions: Because of time constraints, the Commission will not hold public hearings in connection with the advice provided under this investigation number. However, interested parties will be invited to submit written statements (a signed original and 3 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in this investigation. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving input from the private sector on the likely effect of any proposed preferential treatment on affected segments of the U.S. textile and apparel industries, their workers, and consumers.

All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8); any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, an additional copy must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted. Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the "confidential" or "nonconfidential" version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties. The Commission may include confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in the reports to the USTR. The Commission will also issue a public version of each report. Any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing the reports to the USTR will not be published in the public version of the report in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.

The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules (19 CFR 201.8) (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, available

on the Commission's Internet site at ftp://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/electronic_filing_handbook.pdf). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000 or edis@usitc.gov).

List of Subjects

Caribbean, African, Andean, tariffs, imports, yarn, fabric, and apparel.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 3, 2004.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1043-1045 (Final)]

Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From China, Malaysia, and Thailand

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-1043-1045 (Final) under § 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of less-than-fair-value imports from China, Malaysia, and Thailand of polyethylene retail carrier bags, provided for in subheading 3923.21.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.¹

¹For purposes of these investigations, the Department of Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as "PRCBs, which may be referred to as t-shirt sacks, merchandise bags, grocery bags, or checkout bags. The subject merchandise is defined as non-sealable sacks and bags with handles (including drawstrings), without zippers or integral extruded closures, with or without gussets, with or without printing, of polyethylene film having a thickness no greater than .035 inch (0.889 mm) and no less than .00035 inch (0.00889 mm), and with no length or width shorter than 6 inches (15.24 cm) or longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm). The depth of the bag may be shorter than 6 inches but not longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm).

PRCBs are typically provided without any consumer packaging and free of charge by retail establishments (e.g., grocery, drug, convenience, department, specialty retail, discount stores, and restaurants) to their customers to package and carry their purchased products. The scope of the investigations excludes (1) polyethylene bags that are not printed with logos or store names and that

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 26, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Olympia Hand, (202) 205-3182, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by the Department of Commerce that imports of polyethylene retail carrier bags from China, Malaysia, and Thailand are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of § 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigations were requested in a petition filed on June 20, 2003, by PCL Packaging, Inc., Barrie, Ontario; Sonoco Products Co., Hartsville, SC; Superbag Corp., Houston, TX; Vanguard Plastics, Inc., Farmers Branch, TX; and Interplast Group, Ltd., Livingston, NJ; collectively known as the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee.

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the final phase of these investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11 of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing

are closeable with drawstrings made of polyethylene film; and (2) polyethylene bags that are packed in consumer packaging with printing that refers to specific end-uses other than packaging and carrying merchandise from retail establishments (e.g., garbage bags, lawn bags, trash-can liners)."