

handling and immediate cooling or processing for the fishery to be economically feasible. Because rapid cooling can retard flesh deterioration, most vessels prefer to dump their unsorted catch directly below deck into the refrigerated salt water tanks. However, dumping the unsorted catch into the refrigerated salt water tanks precludes the immediate sorting or sampling of the catch. As a primary season fishery, fishers prefer to quickly and efficiently handle the catch so they can return to port for offloading.

In 2004, 2005, and 2006, NMFS provided electronic monitoring systems to catcher vessels fishing under the whiting EFP as part of a pilot study to evaluate if these systems would be useful tools to verify retention and/or document discard at sea. Based on the results from the 2004, 2005, and 2006 pilot studies, NMFS has determined that an EFP is an effective tool for monitoring maximized retention in the whiting fishery.

In addition to providing information that will be used to monitor the attainment of the shore-based whiting allocation, information gathered through these EFPs is expected to be used in a future rulemaking. The Council recommended using EFPs only until a permanent monitoring program can be developed and implemented. For 2008, NMFS intends to implement, through federal regulation, a monitoring program for the shore-based Pacific whiting fleet. At its September 2006 meeting, the Pacific Council was provided with a joint agency report on whiting fishery monitoring and management, and subsequently provided guidance to NMFS on development of draft alternatives for the monitoring program. Based on information learned during the 2004, 2005 and 2006 EFPs, guidance from the Pacific Council, and informational meetings between Federal and state agencies and industry members, NMFS developed a draft set of monitoring program alternatives and accompanying draft regulations to be implemented in the 2008 fishery. These draft alternatives and regulations were presented to the Pacific Council at their November 2006 meeting. An opportunity for public testimony was provided during the Council meeting. NMFS will complete the EA and provide a final draft to the Council in April 2007, at which time the Council will take final action on the proposed alternatives. NMFS will then publish the proposed rule prior to the start date of the 2008 shore-based primary Pacific whiting season. Given this timeline, 2007 will serve as a transition year, in which the EFPs issued to participating

vessels will have requirements as similar as possible to the proposed Federal regulations. In addition, NMFS intends to implement, through notice and comment rulemaking, temporary processor regulations for 2007. That action is intended to address catch accounting difficulties that occurred during the 2006 Pacific whiting shoreside fishery and to improve the agency's ability to monitor the attainment of allocations, bycatch limits, and prohibited species take. The proposed action defines requirements for recordkeeping, reporting, catch sorting, and weighing that apply to individuals who receive, buy, or accept Pacific whiting from a vessel using midwater trawl gear during the primary season for the shore-based sector. NMFS anticipates publishing shortly a proposed rule to implement this action in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 15, 2007.

James P. Burgess,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 Agreement)

February 15, 2007.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain two-way stretch woven fabric of polyester/ rayon/spandex, as specified below, are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA-DR region. The product will be added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR in unrestricted quantities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482 2582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ONLINE:

<http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/CaftaReqTrack.nsf>. Reference number: 17.2007.01.16.Fabric.Sandler,Travis&RosenbergforLidoIndustries.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Act); the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), accompanying the CAFTA-DR Act; Presidential Proclamations 7987 (February 28, 2006) and 7996 (March 31, 2006).

BACKGROUND:

The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA-DR Agreement have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25(4)-(5), when the President of 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, Note; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the Act.

The CAFTA-DR 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 Proclamations 7987 and 7996, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA-DR Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. On February 23, 2006, CITA published interim procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list (71 FR 9315).

On January 16, 2007, the Chairman of CITA received a request from Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of Lido Industries, for certain two-way stretch woven fabric of polyester/rayon/spandex, of the specifications detailed below. On January 18, 2007, CITA notified interested parties of, and posted on its website, the accepted petition and requested that interested entities provide, by January 30, 2007, a response advising of its objection to the request or its ability to supply the subject product, and rebuttals to responses by February 5, 2007.

No interested entity filed a response advising of its objection to the request or its ability to supply the subject product.

In accordance with Section 203(o)(4) of the CAFTA-DR Act, and its

procedures, as no interested entity submitted a response objecting to the request or expressing an ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabrics to the list in Annex 3.25 CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject fabrics are added to the list in Annex 3.25 CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities.

Specifications:

HTS Subheading:	5515.11.00
Fiber Content:	60%-75% polyester; 20%-35% viscose rayon; 3% - 6% spandex*COM041*
Yarn:	Spun on the synthetic or long staple spinning system in order to impart added strength, evenness, luster, and pilling resistance in the fabric
Staple Length:	44 to 70 mm
Yarn Size (warp and filling):	40/2 to 84/2 wrapped around 225 to 118 spandex (metric)
Thread Count:	24 to 44 warp ends x 16 to 32 filling picks per square centimeter
Weave Type:	Various
Weight:	200 to 300 grams per square meter
Width:	127 to 152 centimeters
Finish:	Piece dyed and of yarns of different colors.

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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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 Agreement)

February 15, 2007.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2007.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain two-way stretch woven fabric of polyester, rayon, and elastomeric yarns, as specified below, are not available in

commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA-DR countries. The product will be added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482 2582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON-

LINE: <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/CaftaReqTrack.nsf>. Reference number: 18.2007.01.17.Fabric.Alston&BirdforGlenRiverTrading.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Act); the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), accompanying the CAFTA-DR Act; Presidential Proclamations 7987 (February 28, 2006) and 7996 (March 31, 2006).

BACKGROUND:

The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA-DR Agreement have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25(4)-(56), when the President of 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, Note; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the Act.

The CAFTA-DR 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 Proclamations 7987 and 7996, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA-DR Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. On February 23, 2006, CITA published interim procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list (71 FR 9315).

On January 17, 2007, the Chairman of CITA received a commercial availability request from Alston & Bird, LLP, on behalf of Glen River Trading, for certain two-way stretch woven fabrics of polyester, rayon, and elastomeric yarns, of the specifications detailed below. On January 19, 2007, CITA notified interested parties of, and posted on its website, the accepted petition and requested that interested entities provide, by January 31, 2007, a response advising of its objection to the

commercial availability request or its ability to supply the subject product. CITA also explained that rebuttals to responses were due to CITA by February 6, 2007.

No interested entity filed a response advising of its objection to the request or its ability to supply the subject product.

In accordance with Section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act, and its procedures, as no interested entity submitted a response objecting to the request or expressing an ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabrics to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject fabrics are added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities.

Specifications:

HTS Subheading:	5515.11.10
Fiber content:	58 to 68 percent polyester; 29 to 36 percent rayon; 3 to 7 percent spandex
Staple length (where applicable):	4.44 to 6.99 centimeters
Yarn number:	(two configurations): Configuration # 1: (metric) Warp and filling: 51/2 to 85/2 polyester/rayon staple combined with 44 to 77 decitex spandex filament Configuration # 2: (metric) Warp and filling: 51/1 to 85/1 polyester/rayon staple combined with 44 to 77 decitex spandex filament
Thread count:	27 to 47 warp ends by 24 to 39 filling picks per centimeter
Weave type:	Various (including plain and twill)
Weight:	203 to 339 grams per square meter
Width:	122 to 152 centimeters
Finish:	Dyed and of yarns of different colors

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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