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Acting 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)

June 2, 2009.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2009.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain cotton-polyester circular knit fleece fabric, as specified below, is 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:

Maria Dybczak, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ONLINE:

<http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/CaftaReqTrack.nsf>. Reference number: 109.2009.04.24.Fabric.ST&RforGaran Mfg.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The CAFTA-DR Agreement; Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Implementation Act), Pub. Law 109-53; the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), accompanying the CAFTA-DR Implementation 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 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act.

The CAFTA-DR Implementation 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 Implementation Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. On September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list of products determined to be not commercially available in the territory of any Party to CAFTA-DR (Modifications to Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, 73 FR 53200, September 15, 2008) ("procedures").

On April 24, 2009, the Chairman of CITA received a Request for a Commercial Availability Determination ("Request") from Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of Garan Manufacturing Corp., for certain cotton-polyester circular knit fleece fabric. On April 28, 2009, in accordance with CITA's procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request, which was posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings. In its notifications, CITA advised that a Response with an Offer to Supply ("Response") to the Request must be submitted by May 8, 2009, and any Rebuttal to a Response ("Rebuttal") be submitted by May 14, 2009. On May 8, 2009, Elasticos Centroamericanos y Textil S.A. de C.V. ("Elcatex") submitted a Response. On May 14, 2009, Garan Manufacturing Corp. submitted its Rebuttal.

In accordance with Section 203(o) of the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act, Article 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR, and Section 8(c)(4) of CITA's procedures, should CITA determine that it has insufficient information to make a determination, CITA will extend its time period for consideration of the Request by an additional 14 U.S. business days. As the requestor and respondent disagreed on the respondent's ability to supply the subject product, on May 20, 2009, the Chairman determined that there was insufficient information to recommend a determination, and therefore extended the deadline by an additional 14 U.S. business days. On May 27, 2009, Elcatex submitted a letter of withdrawal from the proceeding. As a result, there is no Response to the pending Request for CITA's consideration.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act, and Section 8(c)(2) of CITA's procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and demonstrating its ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabric to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject product has been added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities. A revised list has been posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings.

Specifications: Certain Cotton-Polyester Circular Knit Fleece Fabric

HTSUS: 6001.21

Fiber Content: 67-73% cotton / 27-33% polyester

Average Yarn Number:

Face yarn - 100% combed cotton; 47/1 to 58/1 metric (28/1 to 34/1)

Tie yarn - 100% filament polyester, 110-125 metric/ 36 filaments; (72-82 denier / 36 filaments)

Fleece yarn - 57-63% combed cotton/37-43% polyester; 12/1 to 24/1 metric (7/1 to 14/1)

Gauge: 20

Weight: 271 to 300 grams per square meter (8.0 to 8.85 ounces per square yard)

Width: 152 to 183 centimeters (60 to 72 inches)

Finish: (Piece) dyed; printed

In addition, technical back must be heavily napped to produce a fabric thickness of not less than 4.5 millimeters, including the napped pile. Additionally, a portion of the fabric is brushed on the technical face to produce a sueded hand and appearance and a portion is treated with a stain release finish. Finally, the following performance criteria must be satisfied:

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2009–2011 Company Organization Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Cynthia M. Wrenn-Yorker, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8K319, Washington, DC 20233–6100 (or by e-mail at Cynthia.M.Wrenn-Yorker@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-location companies.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

—First, and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation

underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and name and address information.

—Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2009–2011 COS in a similar manner as the 2008 COS. These collections will direct inquiries to approximately 43,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate over 1.2 million establishments. This panel will be drawn from the BR universe of nearly 200,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate 1.6 million establishments. Additionally, the panel will include approximately 5,000 large single-establishment companies that may have added locations during the year.

The mailing list for the 2009–2011 COS will include a certainty component, consisting of all multi-establishment companies with 250 or more employees, and those multi-establishment companies with administrative record values that indicate organizational changes. A non-certainty component will be drawn from the remaining multi-establishment companies based on employment size. The mailing list also will include entities that are most likely to have added establishments at other locations.

The primary collection medium for the COS is a paper questionnaire; however, many enterprises will submit automated/electronic COS reports. For 2009–2011, electronic reporting will be available to all COS respondents. Companies will receive and return responses by secure Internet transmission. Companies that cannot use the Internet will receive a CD-ROM containing their electronic data. All respondents will be allowed to mail the

data via diskette or CD-ROM or submit their response data via the Internet. COS data is identical for all of the operating modes.

The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by domestic or foreign parents, ownership of foreign affiliates, and leased employment. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on EIN, name and address, and industrial classification, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

Additionally, the Census Bureau will ask certain questions in the 2009–2011 COS in order to enhance content. We will include questions on leased employees working in the company, questions on research and development activities performed by the company, and questions on new or significantly improved methods of manufacturing, producing, delivering or distributing goods or services within the company.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0444.

Form Number: NC–99001 and NC–99007 (for single-location companies).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 48,000 enterprises.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.59 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 127,517.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3,643,161.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of U.S.C. Sections 182, 195, 224, and 225.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or