amendment of limitation of duty- and quota-free imports of apparel articles assembled in beneficiary ATPDEA countries from regional country fabric

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

action: Amending the 12-Month Cap on Duty and Quota Free Benefits.

dates: effective date: January 1, 2011.

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supplementary information:

Section 3103 of the Trade Act of 2002 amended the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPDA) to provide for duty and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA) beneficiary countries. Section 204(b)(3)(B)(iii) of the amended ATPA provides duty- and quota-free treatment for certain apparel articles assembled in ATPDEA beneficiary countries from regional fabric and components, subject to quantitative limitation. More specifically, this provision applies to apparel articles sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries from fabrics or from fabric components formed or from components knit-to-shape, in one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries, from yarns wholly formed in the United States or one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries (including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 and 5603 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and are formed in one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries). Such apparel articles may also contain certain other eligible fabrics, fabric components, or components knit-to-shape.


The purpose of this notice is to extend the period of the quantitative limitation for preferential tariff treatment under the regional fabric provision for imports of qualifying apparel articles from Colombia and Ecuador for a six-week period, through February 12, 2011. With respect to qualifying apparel articles from Peru, the termination of preferential treatment is effective December 31, 2010.

For the period beginning on October 1, 2010 and extending through February 12, 2011, the aggregate quantity of imports eligible for preferential tariff treatment under the regional fabric provision is 1,238,203,339 square meters equivalent. Apparel articles entered in excess of this quantity will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs. This quantity is calculated using the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States, derived from the set of Harmonized System lines listed in the Annex to the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the conversion factors for units of measure into square meter equivalents used by the United States in implementing the ATC.

Janet E. Heinzen, Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Publicly Available Consumer Product Safety Information Database: Notice of Public Web Conferences


Action: Notice.

Summary: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (“Commission,” “CPSC,” or “we”) is announcing two Web conferences to demonstrate to interested stakeholders the incident reporting form, industry registration and comment features, and the search function of the publicly available consumer product safety information database (“Database”). The Web conferences will be webcast live from the Commission’s headquarters in Bethesda, MD via the Internet on January 11, 2011, and January 20, 2011. Stakeholders may participate in person or online.

Dates: The first Web conference will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, and the second Web conference will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

Addresses: The Web conferences will be webcast from the CPSC’s headquarters at the Bethesda Towers Building, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Persons interested in attending either Web conference in person should register in advance online at http://www.cpsc.gov/meetingsignup.html. Persons interested in participating online via the webcast should register in advance for the November 11th Web conference online at http://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/396775014. Registration for in person or online attendance of either Web conference can also be completed by sending an electronic mail (e-mail), calling, or writing to Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail cpsc-os@cpsc.gov; telephone (301) 504–7923; facsimile (301) 504–0127. The CPSC Web link also has more information about each Web conference.

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