DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Allocation of Tariff Rate Quotas on the Import of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics to Persons Who Cut and Sew Men's and Boys' Worsted Wool Suits, Suit-Type Jackets and Trousers in the United States

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: The Department of Commerce (Department) is soliciting applications for an allocation of the 2012 tariff rate quotas on certainworsted wool fabrics to persons who cut and sew men's and boys'worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers: (1) Forworsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11); and (2) forworsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (HTS heading 9902.51.12). On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002, which includes several amendments to Title V of the Act. On December 3, 2004, the Act was further amended pursuant to the Miscellaneous Trade Act of 2004, Public Law 108–429, by increasing the TRQ forworsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters (1) greater than 18.5 microns, HTS 9902.51.11 to an annual total level of 5.5 million square meters, and extending it through 2007, and (2) increasing the TRQ for average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less, HTS 9902.51.15 (previously 9902.51.12), to an annual total level of 5 million square meters and extending it through 2006. On August 17, 2006 the Act was further amended pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Public Law 109–280, which extended both TRQs, 9902.51.11 and 9902.51.15, through 2009. The Senate-passed Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 extending the TRQ for both HTS 9902.51 through 2014.

The Act requires that the TRQs be allocated to persons who cut and sew men's and boys'worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers in the United States. On October 24, 2005, the Department adopted final regulations establishing procedures for allocating the TRQ. See 70 FR 61363; 19 CFR 335. In order to be eligible for an allocation, an applicant must submit an application on the form provided at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/wooltrq/wool_app.htm.

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Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Allocation of Tariff Rate Quotas on the Import of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics to Persons Who Weave Such Fabrics in the United States

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: The Department of Commerce (Department) is soliciting applications for an allocation of the 2012 tariff rate quotas on certainworsted wool fabric to persons who weave such fabrics in the United States.

SUMMARY: The Department hereby solicits applications from persons (including firms, corporations, or other legal entities) who weave worsted wool fabrics in the United States for an allocation of the 2012 tariff rate quotas on worsted wool fabric. Interested persons must submit an application on the form provided to the address listed below by October 21, 2011. The Department will cause to be published in the Federal Register its determination to allocate the 2012 tariff rate quotas and will notify applicants of their respective allocation as soon as possible after that date. Promptly thereafter, the Department will issue licenses to eligible applicants.

DATES: To be considered, applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. on October 21, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to the Office of Textiles and Apparel, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone: (202) 482–3400). Application forms may be obtained from that office (via facsimile or mail) or from the following Internet address: http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/wooltrq/wool_app.htm.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (the Act) created two tariff rate quotas (TRQs), providing for temporary reductions in the import duties on limited quantities of two categories of worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers: (1) Forworsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11); and (2) forworsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (HTS heading 9902.51.12). On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002, which includes several amendments to Title V of the Act. On December 3, 2004, the Act was further amended pursuant to the Miscellaneous Trade Act of 2004, Public Law 108–429, by increasing the TRQ forworsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters (1) greater than 18.5 microns, HTS 9902.51.11 to an annual total level of 5.5 million square meters, and extending it through 2007, and (2) increasing the TRQ for average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less, HTS 9902.51.15 (previously 9902.51.12), to an annual total level of 5 million square meters and extending it through 2006. On August 17, 2006 the Act was further amended pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Public Law 109–280, which extended both TRQs, 9902.51.11 and 9902.51.15, through 2009. The Senate-passed Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 extending the TRQ for both HTS 9902.51 through 2014.

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Request for Comments on World Health Organization Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration invites submission of comments from the public and relevant industries on influenza surveillance and response, including implementation of the World Health Organization Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework (http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA64/A64_8-en.pdf) and additional planning for future possible pandemic influenza.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 21, 2011. Comments should be no more than 15 pages. Business-confidential information should be clearly identified as such.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Vaccines@trade.gov. Fax: (202) 482–0975 (Attn.: Jane Earley).


For further information contact: For questions on the submission of comments, please contact Jane Earley by phone at (202) 482–6241 or Andrea Cornwall at (202) 482–0998.

Supplementary information: Written comments are sought in light of the approval of the World Health Organization (WHO) Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework by WHO Member States at the World Health Assembly and the need for the U.S. Government to participate in discussions and activities to plan for future pandemics. The facts and information obtained from written submissions will be used to inform the participation of the United States Department of Commerce in the interagency process to prepare for United States participation in international pandemic preparedness discussions and activities, following the May 2011 approval of the WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework. The written submissions will be shared with other interested U.S. Government agencies, as needed, during the interagency process.

This agency previously requested comments on international pandemic influenza preparedness via the Federal Register on September 14, 2010; 75 FR 55776–55777.

The Department of Commerce invites comments from civil society organizations as well as pharmaceutical and medical technology industries and other interested members of the public on a number of issues regarding pandemic influenza preparedness and response.

The Department of Commerce invites written submissions on the following topics:

1. Implementation of the WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework.
3. Other matters related to prevention, planning and response whose resolution will be integral for the effective operation of a global influenza pandemic response.
4. Other matters that are related to the substance contained in 1–3, above.

Upon receipt of the written submission, representatives from the Department of Commerce will consider them and share them, as needed, with other interested U.S. Government agencies and departments. Entities making submissions may be contacted for further information or explanation and, in some cases, meetings with individual submitters may be requested.

Dated: September 15, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Models To Advance Voluntary Corporate Notification to Consumers Regarding the Illicit Use of Computer Equipment by Botnets and Related Malware

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of

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