DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–P–2023–0007]

Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 6,929,639—POLARX® (Cryoablation Balloon Catheter)

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued a certificate under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,929,639.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On February 10, 2023, Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc., the patent owner of record, timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for an interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,929,639. The patent claims a cryoablation balloon catheter, POLARX®. The application for patent term extension indicates that Premarket Approval Application P220032 was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration on December 20, 2022.

Review of the patent term extension application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because the regulatory review period will continue beyond the original expiration date of the patent, March 16, 2023, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,929,639 is granted for a period of one year from the original expiration date of the patent.

Robert Bahr,

Deputy Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on a Commercial Availability Request Under the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement

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

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In June 2015, the Government of the United States received a request from the Government of Chile to modify the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement (FTA) rules of origin for woven fabrics of artificial filament yarn in subheadings 5408.22–5408.23 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) to allow the use of non-U.S. or Chilean filament yarn of viscose rayon classified in subheadings 5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32, and 5403.41 of the HTSUS. In July 2015, CITA solicited public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether filament yarn of viscose rayon classified in subheadings 5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32, and 5403.41 can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. No information was received at that time indicating that domestic industry could supply the subject yarns. Subsequently, the United States and Chile have continued to consult regarding the subject rule change. In November 2022, the Government of Chile reiterated its interest in advancing the subject rule change. Given the period of time that has elapsed since CITA initially solicited public comments on this request, CITA is again soliciting public comments to determine if the subject yarns can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The President may proclaim a modification to the U.S.-Chile FTA rules of origin only after reaching an agreement with Chile on the modification and after other domestic processes are completed to implement the modification.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by April 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 30003, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Public versions of such comments may be submitted electronically to *otexa@trade.gov.* Interested persons who wish to submit business confidential information electronically should contact *Laurie.Mease@trade.gov* for instructions for secure online submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurie Mease, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–2043 or *Laurie.Mease@trade.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; Section 202 of the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805).

Background

Under the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement (FTA), each country is required to eliminate customs duties on textile and apparel goods that qualify as originating goods under the FTA rules of origin, which are set out in Annex 4.1 to the FTA. Article 3.20 of the FTA provides that the rules of origin for textile and apparel products may be amended through a subsequent agreement between the two countries under certain circumstances. In the consultations regarding such a change, the two countries are to consider issues of availability of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the free trade area and whether domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the good in a timely manner. Section 202 of the U.S.-Chile FTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the FTA rules of origin as are necessary to implement an agreement with Chile on such a modification.

In June 2015, the Government of the United States received a request for consultations from the Government of Chile for the purpose of considering whether the FTA rules of origin for woven fabrics of artificial filament yarn in subheadings 5408.22–5408.23 of the HTSUS should be modified to allow the use of non-U.S. or Chilean filament yarn