

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on Short Supply Request under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and United States–Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

May 8, 2001.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments
concerning a request for a determination
that certain yarns of 55 percent
polyester staple fibers and 45 percent
worsted wool cannot be supplied by the
domestic industry in commercial
quantities in a timely manner.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori
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Specialist, Office of Textiles and
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482–3400.

SUMMARY: On May 4, 2001 the Chairman
of CITA received a petition from
Stillwater Sales, Inc./Metcalf Bros. and
Company alleging that yarns of 55
percent polyester staple fibers and 45
percent worsted wool, 1, 2, and 3 ply
yarns, in their natural (undyed) state or
in their stock dyed state (fiber dyed),
with 12 to 20 twists per inch, and in
sizes of 1/15 to 1/30, 2/30 to 2/60, and
3/48 to 3/60 worsted count (1/17 to 1/
34, 2/34 to 2/68 and 3/54 to 3/68 metric
count), classified in subheading
5107.20.6000 of the Harmonized Tariff
Schedule of the United States (HTSUS),
cannot be supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner and requesting that the
President proclaim that apparel articles
of woven U.S. formed-fabric of such
yarns be eligible for preferential
treatment under the AGOA and the
CBTPA. CITA hereby solicits public
comments on this request, in particular
with regard to whether these yarns can
be supplied by the domestic industry in
commercial quantities in a timely
manner. Comments must be submitted
by May 25, 2001 to the Chairman,
Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United
States Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 112(b)(5)(B) of the
AGOA; Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the
Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as
added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA;
Sections 1 and 6 of Executive Order No.
13191 of January 17, 2001.

Background

The AGOA and the CBTPA provide
for quota- and duty-free treatment for
qualifying textile and apparel products.
Such treatment is generally limited to
products manufactured from yarns or
fabrics formed in the United States or a
beneficiary country. The AGOA and the
CBTPA also provide for quota- and
duty-free treatment for apparel articles
that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and
sewn or otherwise assembled in one or
more AGOA or CBTPA beneficiary
countries from fabric or yarn that is not
formed in the United States or a
beneficiary country, if it has been
determined that such fabric or yarns
cannot be supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner and the President has
proclaimed such treatment. In Executive
Order No. 13191, the President
delegated to CITA the authority to
determine whether yarns or fabrics
cannot be supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner under the AGOA and the
CBTPA and directed CITA to establish
procedures to ensure appropriate public
participation in any such determination.
On March 6, 2001, CITA published
procedures that it will follow in
considering requests. 66 FR 13502.

On May 4, 2001 the Chairman of CITA
received a petition from Stillwater
Sales, Inc./Metcalf Bros. and Company
alleging that yarns of 55 percent
polyester staple fibers and 45 percent
worsted wool, 1, 2, and 3 ply yarns, in
their natural (undyed) state or in their
stock dyed state (fiber dyed), with 12 to
20 twists per inch, and in sizes of 1/15
to 1/30, 2/30 to 2/60, and 3/48 to 3/60
worsted count (1/17 to 1/34, 2/34 to
2/68 and 3/54 to 3/68 metric count)
classified in subheading 5107.20.6000 of
the HTSUS, cannot be supplied by the
domestic industry in commercial
quantities in a timely manner, and
requesting that the President proclaim
quota- and duty-free treatment under
the AGOA and the CBTPA for apparel
articles that are cut and sewn in one or
more AGOA or CBTPA beneficiary
countries from woven U.S.-formed
fabric of such yarns.

CITA is soliciting public comments
regarding this request, particularly with
respect to whether these yarns can be
supplied by the domestic industry in
commercial quantities in a timely
manner. Also relevant is whether other
yarns that are supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner are substitutable for
these yarns for purposes of the intended
use. Comments must be received no
later than May 25, 2001. Interested
persons are invited to submit six copies

of such comments or information to the
Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements,
room 3100, U.S. Department of
Commerce, 14th and Constitution
Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these yarns
can be supplied by the domestic
industry in commercial quantities in a
timely manner, CITA will closely
review any supporting documentation,
such as a signed statement by a
manufacturer of the yarn stating that it
produces the yarn that is in the subject
of the request, including the quantities
that can be supplied and the time
necessary to fill an order, as well as any
relevant information regarding past
production.

CITA will protect any business
confidential information that is marked
business confidential from disclosure to
the full extent permitted by law. CITA
will make available to the public non-
confidential versions of the request and
non-confidential versions of any public
comments received with respect to a
request in room 3100 in the Herbert
Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution
Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.
Persons submitting comments on a
request are encouraged to include a non-
confidential version and a non-
confidential summary.

J. Hayden Boyd,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Korea

May 7, 2001.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs reducing a
limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 10, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross
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Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S.
Department of Commerce, (202) 482–
4212. For information on the quota
status of this limit, refer to the Quota
Status Reports posted on the bulletin
boards of each Customs port, call (202)
927–5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs