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## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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TO: Interested Parties -- "Commercial Availability" Reviews

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Commercial Availability Reviews  
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SUBJECT: New Commercial Availability (Formerly "Short Supply") Reviews on  
Blouses of Certain Plain-Woven Cotton Fabrics, Investigation No. 332-  
450-010; and on Blouses of Certain Plain-Woven Polyester Fabrics,  
Investigation No. 332-450-011

The U.S. International Trade Commission has commenced two reviews to provide advice in connection with two separate petitions filed under the "commercial availability" provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Act (CBTPA) on 1) blouses of certain plain-woven cotton fabrics (Investigation No. 332-450-010), and on 2) blouses of certain plain-woven, polyester staple fabrics (Investigation No. 332-450-011).

The subject plain-woven cotton fabrics in Investigation No. 332-450-010 are classified in subheading 5210.11 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The subject fabrics are unbleached shirting fabrics, not of square construction, containing more than 70 warp ends and filling picks per square centimeter, and of average yarn number exceeding 70 metric.

The subject plain-woven polyester fabrics in Investigation No. 332-450-011 are classified in subheading 5513.11 of the HTSUS if the fabric is unbleached or bleached, and in subheading 5513.21.00 of the HTSUS if the fabric is dyed. The subject polyester fabrics are shirting fabrics, not of square construction, containing more than 70 warp ends and filling picks per square centimeter, and of average yarn number exceeding 70 metric.

This review is being conducted under the Commission's investigation for all such requests during 2003, investigation No. 332-450, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2003): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, which was requested by the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

The Commission's review concerns petitions received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on December 18, 2003, from School Apparel, Inc., Star City, AR, alleging that the subject fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission

will provide advice to the USTR concerning the probable economic effect on affected segments of the U.S. textile and apparel industries, workers in these industries, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible CBTPA countries from the subject fabrics should CITA determine that the fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to the USTR in a classified report by January 29, 2004, and issue a public version of the report soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in these 2 reviews, by January 14, 2003. Information on procedures for submitting written statements can be found in the Commission's notice of investigation published in the *Federal Register* of February 4, 2003 (68 F.R. 5651) and posted on its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>.

Further information on these reviews can be obtained from Kimberlie Freund (202-708-5402; [kfreund@usitc.gov](mailto:kfreund@usitc.gov)). Information on the Commission's commercial availability investigation can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupstat.htm>. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) at ([http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/Commercial\\_Availability.htm](http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/Commercial_Availability.htm)).