

Matters To Be Considered

December 18, 2007

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and introductions to the full committee from Dr. William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. MAFAC subcommittee chairs will provide an overview of what their respective subcommittees will address during the meeting. A brief review and discussion of administrative items will be conducted. The balance of the day will be dedicated to NMFS briefings on NOAA regional collaboration efforts; marine recreational fisheries improvements; aquaculture; and updates on the implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006.

December 19, 2007

The full Committee will reconvene from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss: Public comment responses and recommendations for MAFAC's Vision 2020 project; opportunities for development of a NOAA national ocean policy statement; and issues surrounding a seafood certification standard.

December 20, 2007

The Strategic Planning and Commerce Subcommittees and the Vision 2020 and Recreational Fisheries working groups will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. The full Committee will reconvene from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to receive Subcommittee and working group recommendations, discuss, and vote on any proposed actions.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mark Holliday, Director, NMFS Office of Policy; telephone: (301) 713-2239 x120 by 5 p.m., December 11, 2007.

Dated: November 28, 2007.

William T. Hogarth,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN: 0648-XE23

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop will be held Wednesday, December 19, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Mt. Adams Room, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 281-2500.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop is for participants in the Council's 2007 stock assessment process to consider the procedures used in 2007 to assess and update groundfish stock abundance and develop recommendations for improving the process for future assessments. No management actions will be decided in this workshop. Any recommendations developed at the workshop will be submitted for consideration by the Council at its March 2008 meeting in Sacramento, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not identified in the workshop agenda may come before the workshop participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this workshop. Formal action at the workshop will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the workshop participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the workshop date.

Dated: November 28, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Request for Public Comment on the Due Diligence Requirement Under the Commercial Availability Procedures of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR)**

November 28, 2007.

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

ACTION: Request for Public Comment on the Due Diligence Requirement Under the CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability Procedures.

SUMMARY: CITA requests public comment on the due diligence requirement under the CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability procedures. Comments should be submitted no later than **January 2, 2008** to the attention of: R. Matthew Priest, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-2582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Authority: Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("CAFTA-DR"); CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability Final Procedures (72 FR 13256, published March 21, 2007) ("Final Procedures").

BACKGROUND:

The CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability provision permits the use of non-originating CAFTA-DR products by implementing procedures that allow products to be placed on or removed from a product list, on a timely basis,

and in a manner that is consistent with normal business practice. The Final Procedures provide that the procedures may be modified to address concerns that may arise as CITA gains experience in implementing them. CITA notes that these are administrative procedures rather than regulations, and can be modified as needed.

A critical component to the efficient functioning of the Commercial Availability process is the requirement that a requester and a potential supplier engage in due diligence efforts, as provided under the Final Procedures, to determine whether a product is available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the region. The due diligence provisions require communications between the requester and potential suppliers, supported by documentation, to ensure that a proper inquiry into a product's commercial availability has been undertaken prior to the filing of the request.

Based on CITA's experience, there is a concern that, in certain cases, due diligence efforts have fallen short of those expected when the procedures were drafted; that product descriptions may not meet recognized standards; that potential suppliers may not be adequately substantiating their claims that they are to be able to supply requested products; and that CITA is not receiving complete information from interested entities regarding meaningful contact between requesters and potential suppliers necessary for CITA to make informed determinations.

Therefore, CITA requests public comment and proposals on the operation of the due diligence requirement under the CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability procedures, including the following areas of concern:

Communications between Requesters and Potential Suppliers: Past proceedings have exposed issues with regard to the nature of the communications between requesters and potential suppliers. Specifically, CITA notes that there is a lack of substantive dialogue between requesters and potential suppliers. CITA requests public comment as to how such communications should be conducted, in keeping with normal business practice, as well as the role that third party counsels and advisors should play in the communications between requesters and potential suppliers; whether only certain employees of the requester and potential supplier should be deemed as the appropriate contacts for communication regarding potential sales; and whether there should be direct dialogue between those

appropriate personnel prior to submission of requests to CITA.

Identification of Potential Suppliers: CITA is concerned that methods being used to identify potential suppliers and the means of contacting requesters and the potential suppliers have not been effective. For example, CITA has received requests that contain a general inquiry sent via email to all manufacturers within the CAFTA-DR region without regard to actual potential for supply. In prior cases, CITA has noted a concern regarding the detailed and confidential information requested of potential suppliers concerning their business plans. CITA seeks public comment regarding what methods of communications should be employed to satisfactorily determine whether there are potential suppliers and the types of information that can be requested of potential suppliers.

Content of Communications between Requesters and Potential Suppliers: In the course of various proceedings, CITA notes that there have been issues regarding the content of communications between requesters and potential suppliers, namely the description of the product, such as production specifications and performance criteria. CITA seeks public comment regarding the requirements for a description of product specifications; whether industry accepted standards, such as ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) or AATCC (American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists), should be referenced; and whether only measurable criteria and performance standards may be referenced in product descriptions. In the course of past proceedings, CITA has also noted a concern regarding potentially unreasonable demands regarding time lines for supplying requested products, and the provision of samples. CITA seeks public comment regarding whether and under what conditions potential requesters and potential suppliers should provide samples to each other; how reasonable time frames should be determined; and whether consideration should be given to time needed to develop a product new to a potential supplier.

Substitutability of Products: In the course of past proceedings, CITA has noted concerns as to whether products similar to the requested product are substitutable. CITA seeks public comment regarding how potential suppliers should identify and describe potentially substitutable products; which specifications and performance criteria a potentially substitutable product would have to be meet; and

reasonable justifications for rejecting potentially substitutable products.

Commercial Availability of a Production Input vs. Downstream Product: CITA has found there is concern that a request actually is for a downstream product, but it is a production input whose commercial availability is in question. CITA seeks public comment regarding whether it should reject or deny requests when it becomes clear that a production input is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner rather than the downstream product.

Potential Suppliers' Responses to Requester's Inquiry: CITA has found that there is concern regarding the information provided by potential suppliers in responses with offers to supply and that potential suppliers are not demonstrating a legitimate intent to do business by providing a clear, detailed response to a request. CITA seeks public comment regarding what information a potential supplier should provide to substantiate an objection to a request and an offer to supply; whether a potential supplier should have produced the requested product within the past 24 months; what information is needed to substantiate that a potential supplier has the ability to supply; whether types of equipment, capacity, and other production information should be business confidential; and what constitutes a timely response to an inquiry and a legitimate interest to do business.

CITA requests public comment on the operation of the due diligence requirement under the CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability procedures and the issues identified above. Comments must be in English, and must be received no later than **January 2, 2008**. Comments must be submitted electronically AND in writing.

(1) An electronic mail ("email") version of the comments must be either in PDF, Word, or Word-Perfect format, and sent to the following email address: OTEXA CAFTA@ita.doc.gov. Comments must have a bolded heading stating "Public Version", and all business confidential information must be deleted and substituted with asterisks. No business confidential information should be submitted in the "email" version of the document.

(2) The original signed comments must be mailed to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room H3001A, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Any business confidential information upon which an interested person wishes to rely must be included

in the original signed comments only. Brackets must be placed around all business confidential information. Comments containing business confidential information must have a bolded heading stating "Confidential Version." Attachments considered business confidential information must have a heading stating "Business Confidential Information". The Committee will protect from disclosure any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" to the full extent permitted by law. Except for the inclusion of business confidential information, the two versions of comments should be identical.

(3) All comments submitted via "email" will be made available for public inspection at the Office of Textile and Apparel, Room H3001A, the Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on business days. In addition, the "email" version of the comments will be posted for public review on the Office of Textile and Apparel, CAFTA-DR Free Trade Agreement website <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/tradeagree2007.htm>.

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Determination under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR Agreement)

November 28, 2007.

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

ACTION: Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 3, 2007.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain woven polyester/spandex moleskin fabric, as specified below, are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA-DR

countries. The product will be added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482 2582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON-LINE: <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/CaftaReqTrack.nsf>. Reference number: 37.2007.10.29.Fabric.Alston&BirdforGlennRiver.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Act); the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), accompanying the CAFTA-DR Act; Presidential Proclamations 7987 (February 28, 2006) and 7996 (March 31, 2006).

BACKGROUND:

The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA-DR Agreement have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25(4)-(5), when the President of the United States determines that a fabric, yarn, or fiber is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. See Annex 3.25, Note; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the Act.

The CAFTA-DR Act requires the President to establish procedures governing the submission of a request and providing opportunity for interested entities to submit comments and supporting evidence before a commercial availability determination is made. In Presidential Proclamations 7987 and 7996, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA-DR Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. On March 21, 2007, CITA published final procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list (72 FR 13256).

On October 29, 2007, the Chairman of CITA received a commercial availability request from Alston & Bird, LLP, on behalf of Glen River Trading, for certain polyester/spandex woven moleskin fabric of the specifications detailed below. On October 31, 2007, CITA notified interested parties of, and posted on its website, the accepted petition and requested that interested entities provide, by November 13, 2007, a

response advising of its objection to the commercial availability request or its ability to supply the subject product. CITA also explained that rebuttals to responses were due to CITA by November 19, 2007.

No interested entity filed a response advising of its objection to the request or its ability to supply the subject product.

In accordance with Section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act, and its procedures, as no interested entity submitted a response objecting to the request or expressing an ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabrics to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject fabrics are added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities. A revised list has been published on-line.

Woven fabric specifications:

HTS Subheading(s):

5407.92.2050
5407.92.2090
5407.93.2050
5407.93.2090
5407.94.2050
5407.94.2090
5512.19.0005
5512.19.0045
5512.19.0090
5515.12.0040
5515.12.0090

Specifications:

Fiber content:	96 to 99 percent polyester with 1 to 4 percent spandex
Yarn:	Warp: singles polyester filament of various yarn sizes Filling: singles polyester filament of various yarn sizes combined with spandex filament of various deniers
Thread count:	55 to 71 warp ends by 23 to 37 filling picks per centimeter
Weave type:	Various (including satin or twill)
Weight:	210 to 275 grams per square meter
Width:	109 to 152 centimeters
Finish:	Jet dyed or printed

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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