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CLEVELAND AREA PORT PIPELINE

TO: Port Directors, Assistant Port Directors (Trade), Import Specialists, CBP Officers, Entry Specialists, Brokers, Importers, and other interested parties

SUBJECT: TBT-08-004 Various Short Supply Designations under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR)

BACKGROUND:

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain fabrics, named below, are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA-DR countries. The specified fabrics will be added to the list in Chapter 98, Subchapter XXII, U.S. Note 20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) in unrestricted quantities. These determinations were published in the *Federal Register* on September 26, October 29, November 8, and December 3, 2007.

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. Articles that otherwise meet the rule of origin to qualify for preferential treatment are not disqualified because they contain one of the products on the Annex 3.25 list (Chapter 98, Subchapter XXII, U.S. Note 20 of the HTS).

The fabrics recently determined not to be available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA-DR countries are:

- certain two-way stretch woven fabrics of polyester, rayon, and elastomeric yarns,
- certain herringbone stretch woven fabrics of polyester, rayon, and spandex yarns,
- certain three-thread circular fleece fabrics, and
- certain woven polyester/spandex moleskin fabrics.