

(HTSUS), for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Committee hereby designates apparel articles from these fabrics as eligible for quota-free and duty-free treatment under the textile and apparel commercial availability provisions of the CBTPA and eligible under HTSUS subheadings 9819.11.24 or 9820.11.27, to enter free of quota and duties, provided that all other fabrics are wholly in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 211 of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA), amending Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA); Presidential Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000; Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The commercial availability provision of the CBTPA provides for duty-free and quota-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary CBTPA country from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary CBTPA country if it has been determined that such yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and certain procedural requirements have been met. In Presidential Proclamation 7351, the President proclaimed that this treatment would apply to apparel articles from fabrics or yarn designated by the appropriate U.S. government authority in the Federal Register. In Executive Order 13191, the President authorized the Committee to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

On December 12, 2002 the Chairman of the Committee received a petition from Levi Strauss and Co. alleging that the waistband fabrics described in Annex I, for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting quota- and duty-free treatment under the CBTPA for apparel articles that are both cut and sewn in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics. On December 19, 2002, the Committee requested public comments on the

petition (67 FR 244). On January 5, 2003, the Committee and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) sought the advice of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Wholesaling and Retailing and the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Textiles and Apparel. On January 5, 2003, the Committee and USTR offered to hold consultations with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate. On January 23, 2003, the U.S. International Trade Commission provided advice on the petition. Based on the information and advice received and its understanding of the industry, the Committee determined that the fabric set forth in the petition cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On February 10, 2003, the Committee and USTR submitted a report to the Congressional Committees that set forth the action proposed, the reasons for such action, and advice obtained. A period of 60 calendar days since this report was submitted has expired.

The Committee hereby designates as eligible for preferential treatment under HTSUS subheading 9820.11.27, apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more eligible CBTPA beneficiary countries, from a knitted outer-fusible material with a fold line that is knitted into the fabric (as described in the attached Annex I, item1) and a knitted inner-fusible material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating (as described in the attached Annex I, item2), both classified under HTSUS subheading 5903.90.2500, not formed in the United States, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States, and that such articles are imported directly into the customs territory of the United States from an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country. An "eligible CBTPA beneficiary country" means a country which the President has designated as a CBTPA beneficiary country under section 213(b)(5)(B) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(5)(B)) and which has been the subject of a finding, published in the Federal Register, that the country has satisfied the requirements of section 213(b)(4)(A)(ii) of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(4)(A)(ii)) and resulting in the enumeration of such country in U.S.

note 1 to subchapter XX of Chapter 98 of the HTSUS.

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ANNEX I

1. A knitted outer-fusible material with a fold line that is knitted into the fabric. The fabric is a 45mm wide base substrate, knitted in narrow width, synthetic fiber based (made of 49% polyester / 43% elastomeric filament / 8% nylon with a weight of 4.4 oz., a 110/110 stretch, and a dull yarn), stretch elastomeric material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating. The 45mm width is divided as follows: 34mm solid, followed by a 3mm seam allowing it to fold over, followed by 8mm of solid.
2. A knitted inner-fusible material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating that is applied after going through a finishing process to remove all shrinkage from the product. The fabric is a 40mm synthetic fiber based stretch elastomeric fusible consisting of 80% nylon type 6/20% elastomeric filament with a weight of 4.4 oz., a 110/110 stretch, and a dull yarn.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Agenda and Priorities/ Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); Public Hearing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 2005, which begins October 1, 2004, and about its draft strategic plan, to be submitted to Congress September 30, 2003, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2005, and strategic plan will become part of the public record.

DATES: The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2003. Written comments and requests from members of the public desiring to make oral presentations must be received by the Office of the Secretary not later than May 27, 2003. Persons desiring to make oral presentations at this hearing must submit a written text of their

presentations not later than June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be in room 420 of the Bethesda Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments, requests to make oral presentations, and texts of oral presentations should be captioned "Agenda, Priorities and Strategic Plan" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the hearing, a copy of the strategic plan (available May 5, 2003), or to request an opportunity to make an oral presentation, call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-6833; telefax (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4(j) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2053(j)) requires the Commission to establish an agenda for action under the laws it administers, and, to the extent feasible, to select priorities for action at least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. Section 4(j) of the CPSA provides further that before establishing its agenda and priorities, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for the submission of comments. In addition, section 306(d) of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) (5 U.S.C. 306(d)) requires the Commission to seek comments from interested parties on the agency's proposed strategic plan. The strategic plan is a GPRA requirement. The plan will provide an overall guide to the formulation of future agency actions and budget requests.

The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to submit their budget requests 13 months before the beginning of each fiscal year. The Commission is formulating its budget request for fiscal year 2005, which begins on October 1, 2004. This budget request must reflect the contents of the agency's strategic plan developed under GPRA.

Accordingly, the Commission will conduct a public hearing on June 9, 2003 to receive comments from the public concerning its draft GPRA strategic plan, and agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2005. The Commissioners desire to obtain the views of a wide range of interested persons including consumers; manufacturers, importers,

distributors, and retailers of consumer products; members of the academic community; consumer advocates; and health and safety officers of state and local governments.

The Commission is charged by Congress with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. The Commission enforces and administers the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*); the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261 *et seq.*); the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*); the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (15 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.*); and the Refrigerator Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 1211 *et seq.*). Standards and regulations issued under provisions of those statutes are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, chapter II.

While the Commission has broad jurisdiction over products used by consumers, its staff and budget are limited. Section 4(j) of the CPSA expresses Congressional direction to the Commission to establish an agenda for action each fiscal year and, if feasible, to select from that agenda some of those projects for priority attention. These priorities are reflected in the draft strategic plan developed under GPRA.

Persons who desire to make oral presentations at the hearing on June 9, 2003, should call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-6833, telefax (301) 504-0127, not later than May 27, 2003. Persons who desire a copy of the draft strategic plan (available May 5, 2003) may call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary CPSC, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-6833, telefax (301) 504-0127, e-mail: rhammond@cpsc.gov, or cpssc-os@cpsc.gov.

Presentations should be limited to approximately ten minutes. Persons desiring to make presentations must submit the written text of their presentations to the Office of the Secretary not later than June 2, 2003. The Commission reserves the right to impose further time limitations on all presentations and further restrictions to avoid duplication of presentations. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2003 and will conclude the same day.

Written comments on the Commission's draft strategic plan, and agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2005, should be received in the Office of the Secretary not later than May 27, 2003.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 22, 2003.

Title and OMB Number: Office of Priority Telecommunications Customer Satisfaction Survey; OMB Number 0704-[To Be Determined].

Type of Request: New Collection.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Response: 100.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Average Burden Hours: 25.

Needs and Uses: The National Communications Service (NCS), Office of Priority Telecommunications, is proposing to conduct surveys to better understand customer expectations and preferences regarding the NCS Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) program. An electronic survey will be used in the data collection. Two subsets of customers will be surveyed, vendors and users. Vendors represent telecommunications organization that provide TSP services. Users represent organizations that support either a national security or emergency preparedness mission, including Federal users and non-Federal users, such as State and local governments, foreign governments, and private industry.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.