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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. Bahrain-FTA-103-025]

Certain Combed Cotton Yarns: Effect of Modification of U.S.-Bahrain FTA Rules of Origin

AGENCY: United States International
Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on February 12, 2010, from the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) under authority delegated by the President and pursuant to section 104 of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805 note), the Commission instituted investigation No. Bahrain FTA-103-025, *Certain Combed Cotton Yarns: Effect of Modification of U.S.-Bahrain FTA Rules Of Origin*.

DATES: April 29, 2010: Deadline for filing all written submissions.

On or before July 12, 2010:

Transmittal of report to the USTR.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov/edis3-internal/app>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Co-project Leaders Heidi Colby-Oizumi (202-205-3391 or heidi.colby@usitc.gov) or Kimberlie Freund (202-708-5402 or kimberlie.freund@usitc.gov) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD

terminal at 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

Background: Chapter 3, Annex 3-A and Chapter 4 of the FTA contain the rules of origin for textiles and apparel for application of the tariff provisions of the FTA. These rules are reflected in General Note 30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). According to the USTR's request letter, U.S. negotiators have recently reached agreement in principle with representatives of the government of Bahrain on certain modifications to the rules of origin to the FTA for certain combed cotton yarns used in the production of certain home furnishings, as described in the attachment to the letter (for the text of the letter and attachment, see the Commission's Web site for this investigation at http://www.usitc.gov/research_and_analysis/What_We_Are_Working_On.htm). Section 202(j) of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the Act) authorizes the President, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 104 of the Act, to proclaim such modifications to the rules of origin as are necessary to implement an agreement pursuant to Article 3.2.5 of the FTA. One of the requirements set out in section 104 of the Act is that the President obtain advice from the United States International Trade Commission. The request letter asks that the Commission provide advice on the probable effect of the proposed modifications on U.S. trade under the U.S.-Bahrain FTA, total U.S. trade, and on domestic producers of the affected articles. The USTR asked that the Commission provide its report containing its advice by July 12, 2010, and that the Commission shortly thereafter issue a public version of the report with any confidential business information deleted. Additional information concerning the articles and the proposed modifications, including a copy of the USTR's request letter, can be obtained by accessing the Commission's Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The current U.S.-Bahrain FTA rules of origin applicable to U.S. imports can be found in general note 30 of the HTS (see "General Notes" link at <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/bychapter/index.htm>).

Written Submissions: No public hearing is planned. However, interested parties are invited to file written

submissions and other information concerning the matters to be addressed in this investigation. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written submissions relating to the Commission's advice should be submitted at the earliest possible date, and should be received not later than 5:15 p.m., April 29, 2010. All written submissions must conform to the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 requires that a signed original (or a copy so designated) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of a document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules authorize the filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means only to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures, http://www.usitc.gov/docket_services/documents/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the Aconfidential@ or Anon-confidential@ version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties.

The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in the report it sends to the USTR and the President. As requested by the USTR, the Commission will publish a public version of the report. However, in the public version, the Commission will not publish confidential business information in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Meeting of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure will hold a two-day meeting. The meeting will be open to public observation but not participation.

DATES: April 8-9, 2010.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Inn on Biltmore Estate, I Approach Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

Dated: March 4, 2010.

John K. Rabiej,

Chief, Rules Committee Support Office.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Meeting of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence will hold a two-day meeting. The meeting will be open to public observation but not participation.

DATES: April 22-23, 2010.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Empire Hotel, 44 W 63rd Street, New York, NY 10023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

Dated: March 4, 2010.

John K. Rabiej,

Chief, Rules Committee Support Office.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Meeting of the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure will hold a two-day meeting. The meeting will be open to public observation but not participation.

DATES: June 14-15, 2010.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Meacham Conference Center, One Columbus Circle, NE., Washington, DC 20544.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

Dated: March 4, 2010.

John K. Rabiej,

Chief, Rules Committee Support Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act

Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2010, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. ESSROC San Juan, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 3:09-cv-01578, was filed with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

In this action, the United States sought penalties and injunctive relief for the Defendant's violations of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, and the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.* at its portland cement manufacturing plant in Dorado, Puerto Rico.

To resolve the United States' claims, the Defendant will pay a penalty of \$275,000 and perform injunctive relief including the installation of water effluent controls, the rerouting of air emissions through control devices, and enhanced monitoring provisions. In

addition the Defendant will perform a supplemental environmental project requiring it to grant a conservation easement over 5.3 acres of land to the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to either: *United States v. ESSROC San Juan, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 3:09-cv-01578, D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-08412. The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico at Torre Chardon, Suite 1201, 350 Carlos Chardon Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, and at U.S. EPA Region 2 Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, 1492 Ponce Deleon Avenue, Suite 417, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907. During the public comment period, the Consent Decrees may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. A copy of the Consent Decrees may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check, payable to the U.S. Treasury, in the amount of \$13.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost), or, if by e-mail or fax, forward a check in the applicable amount to the Consent Decree Library at the stated address.

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