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TO: Interested Parties -- "Commercial Availability" Reviews

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SUBJECT: New Commercial Availability (Formerly "Short Supply") Review on
Apparel of Certain Yarn of Micro Modal Fiber/Cotton, Investigation No.
332-450-006

The U.S. International Trade Commission has commenced a review to provide advice in connection with a petition filed under the "commercial availability" provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Act (CBTPA), the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and the Andean Trade Preference Drug Enforcement Act (ATPDEA) on apparel of certain yarn of micro modal fiber/cotton. The yarn, classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) under subheading 5510.30.00, is ring spun yarn containing 50 percent or more, but less than 85 percent, by weight of 0.9 denier or finer micro modal fibers, mixed solely with U.S. origin extra long staple SuPima® combed cotton.

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 a petition received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on June 5, 2003, from the Ge-Ray Fabrics, Inc., alleging that the subject yarn 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, AGOA, and ATPDEA countries from the subject yarn should CITA determine that the yarn 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 July 17, 2003, 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 this review, by June 30, 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 this review can be obtained from Vincent DeSapio (202-205-3435; desapio@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/shortsupintro.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).