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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-428]

Apparel Inputs in "Short Supply": Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel from Sub-Saharan African and Caribbean Basin Countries

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 14, 2001.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on March 5, 2001, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-428, Apparel Inputs in "Short Supply": Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel from Sub-Saharan African and Caribbean Basin Countries, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)) to provide advice in connection with the "short supply" provisions of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact Jackie W. Jones (202-205-3466; jones@usitc.gov) of the Office of Industries; for information on legal aspects, contact William Gearhart (202-205-3091; wgearhart@usitc.gov) of the Office of the General Counsel. The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. 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. General information about the Commission may be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDISON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

Background

Section 112(b)(5) of the AGOA and section 213(b)(2)(A)(v) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA), as added by section 211(a) of the CBTPA, allow preferential treatment for apparel made in beneficiary countries from certain fabrics or yarns to the extent that apparel of such fabrics or yarns would be eligible for preferential treatment, without regard to the source of the fabric or yarn, under Annex 401 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. These sections also authorize the President, on request of an interested party, to proclaim preferential treatment for apparel made in beneficiary countries from additional fabrics or yarn, if the President determines that such fabrics or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and the President complies with certain procedural requirements, one of which is to obtain the advice of the Commission. The President is required to submit a report to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees that sets forth the action proposed to be proclaimed, the reasons for such action, and the advice obtained from the Commission and the appropriate advisory committee, within 60 days after a request is received from an interested party.

In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) the authority to determine whether particular fabrics or yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. He authorized CITA and the USTR to submit the required report to the Congress, and delegated to USTR the authority to obtain advice from the Commission.

As requested by the USTR, the Commission will provide advice regarding the probable economic effect of providing preferential treatment for apparel made in AGOA and/or CBTPA beneficiary countries from fabrics or yarn, regardless of the source of the fabrics or yarn, which allegedly cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner (i.e., which allegedly are in "short supply"). The advice will be provided as to the probable economic effect of such action on affected

segments of the U.S. textile and apparel industries, workers in these industries, and consumers of affected goods.

The Commission will provide all such advice during 2001 under a single investigation number. The Commission will not publish notices in the **Federal Register** of receipt of individual requests for advice. Instead, the Commission will issue a news release each time it initiates an analysis, and the news release will identify the article(s) under consideration, indicate the deadline for submission of public comments on the proposed preferential treatment, and provide the name, telephone number, and Internet e-mail address of staff who will be able to provide additional information on the request. CITA publishes a summary of each request from interested parties in the **Federal Register**. To view these notices, see the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel's (OTEXA) Internet site at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/fr.stm>. The Commission has developed a special area on its Internet site (<http://www.usitc.gov/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm>) to provide the public with information on the status of each request for which the Commission initiated analysis. The Commission has also developed a group list of facsimile addresses of interested parties or individuals who wish to be automatically notified via facsimile about any requests for which the Commission initiated analysis. Interested parties may be added to this list by notifying Jackie W. Jones (202-205-3466; jones@usitc.gov).

The Commission will submit its reports to the USTR not later than the 47th day after receiving a request for advice (or on the next business day if the 47th day falls on a weekend or holiday). The Commission will issue a public version of each report as soon thereafter as possible, with any confidential business information deleted.

Written Submissions

Because of time constraints, the Commission will not hold public hearings in connection with the advice provided under this investigation number. However, interested parties will be invited to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in this investigation. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving input from the private sector on the likely effect of any proposed preferential treatment on affected segments of the U.S. textile and apparel industries, their workers, and

consumers. Commercial or financial information that a person desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted in accordance with § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6). The Commission's Rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties. The Commission may include confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in the reports to the USTR. In the public version of these reports, however, the Commission will not publish confidential business information in a manner that could reveal the individual operations of the firms supplying the information. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

List of Subjects:

Caribbean, African, tariffs, imports, yarn, fabric, and apparel.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-454]

In the Matter of Certain Set-Top Boxes and Components Thereof; Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on February 14, 2001, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Gemstar-TV Guide International, Inc. of Pasadena, California and StarSight Telecast, Inc. of Fremont, California. A supplement to the complaint was filed on March 7, 2001. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain set-top boxes and components

thereof by reason of infringement of claims 18-24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 42, 43, 48-51, 54, 57-61, and 66 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,706,121; claims 1-5 and 10-14 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,253,066; claims 1, 3, 8, and 10 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,479,268; and claims 14-17, 19, and 31-35 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,809,204. The complaint further alleges that there exists an industry in the United States as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. 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. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDISON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas S. Fusco, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2571.

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in § 210.10 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2000).

Scope of Investigation

Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on March 14, 2001, *ordered that*—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain set-top boxes or components thereof by reason of

infringement of claims 18-24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 42, 43, 48-51, 54, 57-61, or 66 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,706,121; claims 1-5 or 10-14 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,253,066; claims 1, 3, 8, or 10 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,479,268; or claims 14-17, 19, or 31-35 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,809,204; and whether there exists an industry in the United States as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are—

Gemstar-TV Guide International, Inc.
135 North Los Robles Avenue
Suite 800
Pasadena, California 91101
StarSight Telecast, Inc.
39650 Liberty Street
Fremont, California 94538

(b) The respondents are the following companies upon which the complaint is to be served—

Pioneer Corporation
4-1, Meguro 1-chome
Meguro-ku
Tokyo 153-8654
Japan
Pioneer North America, Inc.
2265 East 220th Street
Long Beach, California 98010
Pioneer Digital Technologies, Inc.
6170 Cornerstone Court
East San Diego, California 92121
Pioneer New Media Technologies, Inc.
2265 East 220th Street
Long Beach, California 98010
Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.
One Technology Parkway, South
Norcross, Georgia 30092-2967
EchoStar Communications Corporation
5701 South Santa Fe Drive
Littleton, Colorado 80120
SCI Systems, Inc.
2101 West Clinton Avenue
Huntsville, Alabama 35805

(c) Thomas S. Fusco, Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 401-O, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Debra Morris is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with § 210.13 of the Commission's rules of practice and