

**350/650: cotton and man-made fiber dressing gowns****A. Imports from China and the world (1998-5/03): dozens**

|                   | 1998      | 1999      | 2000      | 2001      | 2002      | YTD 5/02  | YTD 5/03  | May 03  | YE 5/02   | YE 5/03   |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| World             | 4,556,431 | 4,823,239 | 5,937,490 | 6,645,827 | 8,538,081 | 2,442,504 | 3,587,282 | 674,912 | 6,942,734 | 9,682,859 |
| DMS - China       | 298,561   | 289,913   | 259,868   | 339,171   | 2,171,896 | 434,850   | 1,246,066 | 240,491 | 685,023   | 2,983,112 |
| DMS - China Share | 7%        | 6%        | 4%        | 5%        | 25%       | 18%       | 35%       | 36%     | 10%       | 31%       |

**B. U.S. production data: dozens**

|                                     | 1998      | 1999      | 2000      | 2001      | 2002    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| US Production                       | 1,791,000 | 1,662,000 | 1,987,000 | 1,185,000 | 963,000 |
| Change                              |           | -7%       | 20%       | -40%      | -19%    |
| Domestic market share - All Imports | 72%       | 74%       | 75%       | 85%       | 90%     |
| DMS - Chinese imports               | 5%        | 5%        | 3%        | 4%        | 23%     |
| DMS - U.S. production               | 28%       | 26%       | 25%       | 15%       | 10%     |

NOTE: Prices for imports of Chinese cotton dressing gowns fell by 44 percent in 2002, dropping from \$2.03/square meter to \$1.13/square meter. Prices for imports of man-made fiber dressing gowns fell by 43 percent, dropping from \$2.88/square meter to \$1.64/square meter. Prices for Chinese imports continued to drop sharply into 2003.

**James C. Leonard III,**  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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# **COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

## **Solicitation of Public Comments on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China**

August 13, 2003.

**AGENCY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee)

**ACTION:** Solicitation of public comments concerning a request for safeguard action on imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments (Category 349/649).

**SUMMARY:** On July 24, 2003, the Committee received a request from the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the National Textile Association alleging that imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments

(Category 349/649) are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product. They request that a textile and apparel safeguard action, as provided for in the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (the Accession Agreement), be taken on imports of brassieres and other body supporting garments. The Committee hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product. Comments must be submitted by September 17, 2003 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Dulka, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956, as amended; Executive Order 11651, as amended.

## **Background**

The Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard allows the United States and other World Trade Organization Members that believe imports of Chinese origin textile and apparel products are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products to request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding such market disruption. Upon receipt of the request, China has agreed to hold its shipments to a level no greater than 7.5 percent (6 percent for wool product categories) above the amount entered during the first 12 months of the most recent 14 months preceding the request for consultations. The Member requesting consultations may implement such a limit. Consultations with China will be held within 30 days of receipt of the request for consultations, and every effort will be made to reach agreement on a mutually satisfactory solution within 90 days of receipt of the request for consultations. If agreement on a different limit is reached, the Committee will issue a **Federal Register** Notice containing a directive to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection that implements the negotiated limit. The limit is effective

beginning on the date of the request for consultations and ending on December 31 of the year in which consultations were requested, or where three or fewer months remained in the year at the time of the request for consultations, for the period ending 12 months after the request for consultations. In order to facilitate the implementation of the Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard, the Committee has published procedures (the Procedures) it will follow in considering requests for Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard actions (68 FR 27787, published May 21, 2003).

On July 24, 2003, the Committee received a request from the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the National Textile Association alleging that imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments (Category 349/649) are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product, and requesting that an Accession Agreement textile and apparel safeguard action be taken on imports of brassieres and other body supporting garments. The Committee has determined that this request provides the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request in light of the considerations set forth in the Procedures. The text of the request is reproduced in full below.

The Committee is soliciting public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether imports from China of brassieres and other body supporting garments are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in this product. Comments may be submitted by any interested person. Comments must be received no later than September 17, 2003. Interested persons are invited to submit ten copies of such comments to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

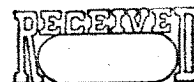
If a comment alleges that there is no market disruption or that the subject imports are not the cause of market disruption, the Committee will closely review any supporting information and documentation, such as information about domestic production or prices of like or directly competitive products. Particular consideration will be given to comments representing the views of actual producers in the United States of a like or directly competitive product.

The Committee will protect any business confidential information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. To the extent that business confidential information is provided, two copies of a non-confidential version

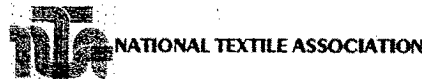
must also be provided in which business confidential information is summarized or, if necessary, deleted. Comments received, with the exception of information marked "business confidential", will be available for inspection between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Room 2233, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20230.

The Committee will make a determination within 60 calendar days of the close of the comment period as to whether the United States will request consultations with China. If the Committee is unable to make a determination within 60 calendar days, it will cause to be published a notice in the **Federal Register**, including the date by which it will make a determination. If the Committee makes a negative determination, it will cause this determination and the reasons therefore to be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Committee makes an affirmative determination that imports of Chinese origin textiles and apparel products are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products, the United States will request consultations with China with a view to easing or avoiding such market disruption.

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July 24, 2003

Mr. James Leonard, Chairman  
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements  
U.S. Department of Commerce – Room H310  
14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution, NW  
Washington DC 20230

Dear Mr. Leonard:

The American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the National Textile Association petition that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) impose a textile safeguard action under the procedures set forth in Federal Register notice 03-12893 as provided for in the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (WTO) with respect to imports of products that have been integrated under category 349/649, brassieres.

The member companies of the trade associations making this request represent over two-thirds of domestic textile production and produce component that go into the product in question.

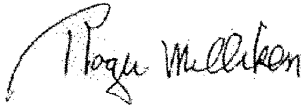
As the attached category specific information sheet will show, imports from China of these products have clearly "threatened to impede the orderly development of trade" and caused market disruption in the U.S. market.

As a result, the U.S. textile industry, which depends heavily on production sharing arrangements with Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico, in addition to domestic purchasers, has seen its production of components for the product in question drop substantially because of the Chinese surge. In addition, Chinese prices, which fell 54% in 2002, have put severe downward pricing pressure on U.S. and foreign suppliers, eroding profitability and the ability of other suppliers to compete.

U.S. production of these products fell 7 percent in 2002 while Chinese imports have surged and the Chinese share of the import market is now four times larger than its next largest competitor.

If you need any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Roger Milliken  
American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition



Willis C. Moore, III  
American Textile Manufacturers Institute



William Giblin  
National Textile Association

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|             | 1998       | 1999       | 2000       | 2001       | 2002       | YTD 5/02   | YTD 5/03   | May-03    | YE 5/02    | YE 5/03    |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| World       | 33,049,503 | 38,861,183 | 39,216,189 | 36,902,579 | 44,641,057 | 16,081,332 | 19,427,236 | 3,924,201 | 37,961,586 | 47,986,961 |
| China       | 3,545,755  | 3,943,327  | 4,084,363  | 3,185,108  | 10,580,029 | 2,788,555  | 6,430,305  | 1,448,830 | 4,787,269  | 14,221,779 |
| China Share | 11%        | 10%        | 10%        | 9%         | 24%        | 17%        | 33%        | 37%       | 13%        | 30%        |

**B. U.S. production data: thousands of dozens**

|                                        | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   | 2002   |
|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| US Production                          | 28,942 | 32,079 | 28,360 | 24,329 | 22,695 |
| Change                                 | -4%    | 11%    | -12%   | -14%   | -7%    |
| Domestic market share<br>– All Imports | 53%    | 55%    | 58%    | 60%    | 67%    |
| DMS – Chinese<br>imports               | 6%     | 6%     | 4%     | 4%     | 17%    |
| DMS – U.S.<br>production               | 47%    | 45%    | 42%    | 40%    | 33%    |

Prices for imports of man-made fiber brassieres from China fell 54 percent in 2002, dropping from \$15.19/square meter to \$7.04/square meter. Prices of cotton brassieres fell 15% through YTD 3/03, falling from \$6.53 to \$5.56/square meter. (Note: man-made fiber brassieres account for approximately 85% of the brassiere market.)

**James C. Leonard III,**  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation*  
*of Textile Agreements.*  
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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed application entitled: Next Generation Grant Application Instructions. Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by October 17, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Ms. Theresa Hill, 8th floor, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Theresa Hill at (202) 606-5000, ext. 261; by e-mail at [thill@cns.gov](mailto:thill@cns.gov), or by the TDD number at (202) 565-2799.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Comment Request

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

### Background

The Corporation publishes application guidelines and notices of funding availability that include information about the funding and requirements. The application instructions provide the information, instructions, and forms that potential applicants need to complete an application to the Corporation for funding by utilizing the new eGrants system developed by the Corporation.

### Current Action

The Corporation seeks public comment on the forms, the instructions for the forms, and the instructions for the narrative portion of these application instructions.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Next Generation Grant Application Instructions.

*OMB Number:* None.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Eligible applicants to the Corporation for funding.

*Total Respondents:* 40.

*Frequency:* Once per year.

*Average Time Per Response:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 400.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 13, 2003.

**Nancy Talbot,**

*Director, Program Planning and Development.*  
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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold an informal conference followed by a public hearing on Wednesday, September 3. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting. Both the conference session and business meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The conference among the commissioners and staff will begin at 9 a.m. Topics of discussion will include: an update on development of the Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin; an update on the Tri-State Initiative for watershed management in the 300-square mile area surrounding Port Jervis, New York; a presentation by a representative of the Wildlands Conservancy on the conservation management plan for the Lehigh River Watershed; consideration of whether toxics criteria should be extended to DRBC Water Quality Management Zones 1 and 6; consideration of whether the DRBC should make any additional designations of intra-state tributaries as Outstanding Basin Waters; and a presentation on the proposed submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Regions II and III, of four total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in Delaware River Zones 2 through 5.

The subjects of the public hearing to be held during the 1:30 p.m. business meeting include, in addition to the dockets listed below, consideration of a petition submitted by the Pennsylvania Suburban Water Company to suspend Commission approval of Docket D-98-11(CP), the "Cornog Quarry" surface water withdrawal project, located in the East Branch Brandywine Creek Watershed in Wallace Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

1. *Borough of Weatherly D-80-80 CP RENEWAL 3.* A ground water renewal project with an increase of withdrawal from 12 million gallons (mg)/30 days to 14.2 mg/30 days to supply the applicant's distribution system from existing Wells Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in the Black Creek Watershed. The project is located in Weatherly Borough, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

2. *Town of Clayton D-84-34 CP RENEWAL 3.* A ground water withdrawal renewal project to continue pumping 8.5 mg/30 days of water to