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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations

FROM: Director, Textiles and Trade Agreements Division
Office of International Trade

SUBJECT: TBT-14-001 Short Supply Designation under the United States-
Korea Free Trade Agreement for Certain Cuprammonium Rayon
Filament Yarn

REFERENCE: QB 14-131- Korea FTA Textile and Apparel Goods

BACKGROUND:

The U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) was implemented on March 15, 2012, in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 8783, dated March 6, 2012, and published in the *Federal Register* on March 9, 2012.

Article 4.2.6 of the KORUS provides for a list in Annex 4-B-1 for fibers, yarns, and fabrics that the United States has determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner from suppliers in the United States ("Commercial Availability List"). According to terms of the agreement, a textile or apparel good imported into the United States containing fibers, yarns, or fabrics that are included on the Commercial Availability List in Annex 4-B-1 will be treated as if it is an originating good for purposes of the specific rules of origin in Annex 4-A of the Agreement, regardless of the actual origin of those inputs.

On April 18, 2014, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements published a notice in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 21901) designating certain cuprammonium rayon filament yarns (specified below) as not available in commercial quantities in a timely matter in the United States and added them to the Commercial Availability List in Annex 4-B-1 of the KORUS. This information can also be found on the Department of Commerce's Office of Textile and Apparel website at:

http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/FTA_CABroadcast.nsf//KoreaPetitionsApproved

SPECIFICATIONS: Certain textured and non-textured cuprammonium rayon filament yarns

HTS: 5403.39

Yarn Sizes: The figures below include the +/-10% variance that may occur after knitting, weaving and finishing.

200 – 163.64 Nm/30 filaments (45 - 55 denier)

133.33 – 109.09 Nm/45 filaments (67.5 – 82.5 denier)

133.33 – 109.09 Nm/54 filaments (67.5 – 82.5 denier)

100 – 81.81 Nm/70 filaments (90 - 110 denier)

Yarn sizes were calculated using a conversion factor of 9000/ denier = Nm No turns

Finish: bright raw white

Cone type package

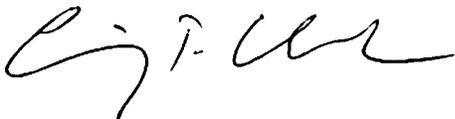
ACTION:

Effective April 18, 2014, the yarn specified above is added to Annex4-B-1 of the KORUS. Imports of textile goods provided for in Chapter 51, 52, 54, 55, 58 or 60 of the HTS claiming use of a short supply item may be entered under HTS 9920.95.00, provided the goods meet the requirements of Note 5 of Chapter 99, subchapter XX. Imports of apparel goods provided for in Chapters 61 and 62 of the HTS claiming use of a short supply item may be entered under HTS 9920.99.00, provided that the goods meet the requirements of Note 6 of Chapter 99, subchapter XX. Both of these provisions are subject to quantitative limits and therefore must be entered according to QB 14-131, dated April 23, 2014.

Please pass this memorandum to port directors, assistant port directors, import specialists, entry specialists, CBP officers, brokers, importers, and other interested parties.

INFORMATION:

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