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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations

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

SUBJECT: TBT-14-002 Short Supply Designation under the United States-  
Korea Free Trade Agreement for Certain Cashmere Yarns

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 24, 2014, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements published a notice in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 22789) designating certain cashmere yarns (specified below) as not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the United States and added them 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](http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/FTA_CABroadcast.nsf//KoreaPetitionsApproved)

**SPECIFICATIONS: Certain Cashmere Yarns**

HTS: 5108.10 & 5108.20

Fiber content: 100% cashmere 2-ply yarns

Denier and length of staple (the figures below include the +/- 10% variance that may occur after knitting, weaving and finishing)

Weaving Count (single yarn): 22.86 – 27.94 nm (13.5 – 16.5 Ne), 25.2 - 33mm  
Knitting Count (two plied): 39.62 – 48.43 nm (23.4 – 28.626 Ne), 30.6 – 37.4mm

Yarn sizes were calculated using a conversion factor of  $Ne \times 1.69336 = Nm$

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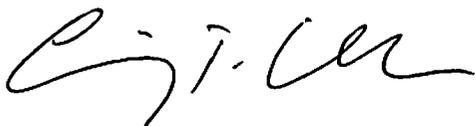
**ACTION:**

Effective April 24, 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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