

Unifi requests the NAFTA rules of origin for gimped yarns classified under subheading 5606.00 of the HTSUS be modified to allow the use of non-North American yarns of the type described above.

Such a proclamation may be made only after reaching agreement with the other NAFTA countries on the modification. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this petition, in particular with regard to whether the nylon yarns described above can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by **November 3, 2003** to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**BACKGROUND:** Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), NAFTA countries are required to eliminate customs duties on textile and apparel goods that qualify as originating goods under the NAFTA rules of origin, which are set out in Annex 401 to the NAFTA. The NAFTA provides that the rules of origin for textile and apparel products may be amended through a subsequent agreement by the NAFTA countries. In consultations regarding such a change, the NAFTA countries are to consider issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the free trade area and whether domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the good in a timely manner. The Statement of Administrative Action (SAA) that accompanied the NAFTA Implementation Act stated that any interested person may submit to CITA a request for a modification to a particular rule of origin based on a change in the availability in North America of a particular fiber, yarn or fabric and that the requesting party would bear the burden of demonstrating that a change is warranted. The SAA provides that CITA may make a recommendation to the President regarding a change to a rule of origin for a textile or apparel good. The NAFTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the NAFTA rules of origin as are necessary to implement an agreement with one or more NAFTA country on such a modification.

On September 15, 2003 the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Unifi, Inc. (Unifi), alleging that certain untextured (flat) yarns of nylon classified under subheading 5402.41.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be

supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting that the President proclaim a modification of the NAFTA rules of origin. The yarns are described as (1) of nylon 7 denier/5 filament nylon 66 untextured (flat) semi-dull yarn; multifilament, untwisted or with a twist not exceeding 50 turns/m/10 denier/ (2) of nylon, 7 filament nylon 66 untextured (flat) semi-dull yarn; multifilament, untwisted or with a twist not exceeding 50/turns/m. (3) of nylon, 12 denier/5 filament nylon 66 untextured (flat) semi-dull yarn; multifilament, etc. Unifi uses these yarns in producing their gimped yarn, classified under 5606.00 of the HTSUS.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether the filament yarn of nylon, classified in HTSUS heading 5402.41.90, can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The petition states that Unifi has contacted known North American suppliers of these yarns and was unable to locate a supplier who produced the yarns in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be received no later than **November 3, 2003**. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that the filament yarn of nylon can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, CITA will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the yarn stating that it produces the yarn that is in the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-

confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

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*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 10 U.S.C., Section 9355, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors. The purpose of the meeting is to consider morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy. A portion of the meeting will be open to the public while other portions will be closed to the public to discuss matters listed in 5 U.S.C. subsections (2), (6), and (9)(B), section 552b(c). Open sessions will include panel discussion on the sexual assault problems at the Academy, to include actions taken in response to the Agenda for Change, The Report of the Working Group Concerning Deterrence of and Response to Incidents of Sexual Assault at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the Report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy, as well as a discussion of the Board of Visitors charter. Closed sessions will include panel discussions with Academy cadets. The determination to close certain sessions is based on the consideration that portions of the briefings and discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Board of Visitors or the Academy; involve information of a personal nature, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; or involve discussions of information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate implementation of future agency action. Meeting sessions will be held in various facilities throughout the cadet area.

**DATES:** October 10-11, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Air Force Academy, CO.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Major Steve Sandridge, Development and Alumni Programs Division, HQ