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To: Mr James C. Leonard III Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textiles Agreements

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**Commercial Availability Request under the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement**

Dear Mr Leonard,

Please find appended, the letter from Mr Rossman Ithnain, our Economic Counsellor, with regards to Singapore's new commercial availability request under the US Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

Best Regards

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Mr David Spooner, Special Textile Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Ms Abiola Heyliger, Director for Textiles Trade Policy, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

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Dear Mr Leonard

**Commercial Availability Request under the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement**

With reference to Article 3.17, the short supply provision of the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (US-Singapore FTA) provides for duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to- shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in the one or both Parties from fabric or yarn regardless of origin, if it has been designated by the appropriate U.S. government authority as fabric or yarn not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner. We also refer to 4 (a) (i) of Article 3.18 the consultation and modifications provisions of the agreements "Revision to Rules of Origin" section and the letter from Mr. David Spooner to the Senate on 25 July 2003 which was printed in the Congressional Record of the House of 4 September 2003, p. E1685, the Government of Singapore wishes to review the rules of origin for certain apparel articles listed in Chapter 61 or 62 of Annex 3A in respect that these products are deemed to be in short supply under CBTPA and ATPDEA between the period of 6 April 2004 and 18 January 2005.

We would like to request the Government of the United States to permit Singapore to include these products, listed in the Attachment, for use in certain apparel products that are determined to be in short supply under CBTPA and ATPDEA between the period of 6 April 2004 and 18 January 2005 to be deemed in short supply in the US-Singapore FTA. The use of such yarns and fabrics will not disqualify apparel articles from preferential treatment under the US-Singapore FTA.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Yours sincerely



Rossman Ithnain  
Counsellor (Economics)  
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Attachment

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Mr David Spooner, Special Textile Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative  
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Attachment

New Short Supply Request

Type of Program	Fabrics/Yarns named in the Request	Apparel articles named in the request	Published Date of Federal Register
ATPDEA	Viscose rayon filament yarns of the specifications detailed below, classified in subheading 5403.41.000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles. 1) Viscose Filament Yarn - DTEX 166/40 Bright Centrifugal; Tenacity, cN/tex, min.-142.0; Elongation at rupture, % - 18.0-24.0; Elongation at rupture variation factory, % max. - 8.1; Twist direction - S 2) Viscose Filament Yarn - DTEX 330/60 Bright Centrifugal; Tenacity, cN/tex, min.-142.0; Elongation at rupture, % - 18.0-24.0; Elongation at rupture variation factory, % max. - 8.1; Twist direction - S	Apparel articles	6 Apr 2004
CBTPA	Fabrics, classified in subheading 5210.11 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), not of square construction, containing more than 70 warp ends and filling picks per square centimeter, of average yarn number exceeding 70 metric, used in the production of women's and girls' blouses	Women's and girls' blouses	23 April 2004
ATPDEA	Combed compact yarns, of wool or fine animal hair, classified in subheadings 5107.10, 5107.20, or 5108.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles	Apparel articles	24 May 2004
CBTPA	100 percent cotton yarn-dyed woven flannel fabrics, made from 14 through 41 Nm single ring-spun yarns, classified in 5208.43.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), of construction 2 X 1 twill weave, weighing 200 grams per square meter or less, for use in apparel articles excluding gloves	Apparel articles excluding gloves	9 August 2004
CBTPA	Certain woven, 100 percent cotton, flannel fabrics, of detailed specifications,	Shirts, trousers,	23 November 2004

Type of Program	Fabrics/Yarns named in the Request	Apparel articles named in the request	Published Date of Federal Register
	<p>classified in indicated HTSUS subheadings, for use in shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear</p> <p>Fabric 1 : 4835HTS Subheading:5208.42.30.00  Fiber Content:100% Cotton  Weight:152.6 g/m2  Width:150 centimeters cuttable  Thread Count:24.4 warp ends per centimeter; 15.7 filling picks per centimeter;  total: 40.1 threads per square centimetre  Yarn Number:Warp: 40.6 metric, ring spun; filling: 20.3 metric, open end spun;  overall average yarn number: 39.4 metric  Finish:of yarns of different colors; napped on both sides, sanforized</p> <p>Fabric 2 : Subheading:5209.41.60.40  Fiber Content:100% Cotton  Weight:251 g/m2  Width:160 centimeters cuttable  Thread Count:22.8 warp ends per centimeter; 17.3 filling picks per centimeter;  total: 40.1 threads per square centimetre  Yarn Number:Warp: 40.6 metric, ring spun; filling: 8.46 metric, open end spun;  overall average yarn number: 24.1 metric  Finish:Of yarns of different colors; napped on both sides, sanforized</p>	<p>nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear</p>	
	<p>Fabric 3 : HTS Subheading:5209.41.60.40  Fiber Content:100% Cotton  Weight:251 g/m2  Width:160 centimeters cuttable  Thread Count:20.1 warp ends per centimeter; 16.5 filling picks per centimeter;</p>		

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	<p>total: 36.6 threads per square centimetre            Yarn Number: Warp: 27.07 metric, ring spun; filling: 10.16 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 23.3 metric            Finish: Of yarns of different colors; napped on both sides, sanforized</p>		
CBTPA	<p>Certain woven, 100 percent cotton, flannel fabrics, of detailed specifications, classified in indicated HTSUS subheadings, for use in shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear</p> <p>Fabric 1: HTS Subheading: 5208.32.30.40            Fiber Content: 100% Cotton            Weight: 152.6 g/m<sup>2</sup>            Width: 150 centimeters cuttable            Thread Count: 24.4 warp ends per centimeter; 15.7 filling picks per centimeter;            total: 40.1 threads per square centimetre            Yarn Number: Warp: 40.6 metric, ring spun; filling: 20.3 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 39.4 metric            Finish: (Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p> <p>Fabric 2: HTS Subheading: 5209.31.60.50            Fiber Content: 100% Cotton            Weight: 251 g/m<sup>2</sup></p>	Shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear	23 November 2004
	<p>Width: 160 centimeters cuttable            Thread Count: 22.8 warp ends per centimeter; 15 filling picks per centimeter; total: 37.8 threads per square centimetre            Yarn Number: Warp: 40.6 metric, ring spun; filling: 8.46 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 24.1 metric            Finish: (Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p>		

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	<p>Fabric 3 : HTS Subheading:5209.31.60.50  Fiber Content:100% Cotton  Weight:203 g/m2  Width:150 centimeters cuttable  Thread Count:20.5 warp ends per centimeter; 17.3 filling picks per centimeter;  total: 37.8 threads per square centimetre  Yarn Number: Warp: 40.6 metric, ring spun; filling: 13.5 metric, open end spun;  overall average yarn number: 27.9 metric  Finish:(Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p> <p>Fabric 4 : HTS Subheading:5209.31.60.50  Fiber Content:100% Cotton  Weight:291.5 g/m2  Width:160 centimeters cuttable  Thread Count:23.2 warp ends per centimeter; 15 filling picks per centimeter; total:  38.2 threads per square centimetre  Yarn Number: Warp: 27.07 metric, ring spun; filling: 8.46 metric, open end spun;  overall average yarn number: 20.1 metric  Finish:(Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p>		
	<p><del>Fabric 5 : HTS Subheading:5209.31.60.50</del>  Fiber Content:100% Cotton  Weight:291.5 g/m2  Width:160 centimeters cuttable  Thread Count:26.8 warp ends per centimeter; 16.5 filling picks per centimeter;  total: 43.3 threads per square centimetre  Yarn Number: Warp: 25.46 metric, ring spun; filling: 10.16 metric, open end spun;</p>		

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	<p>overall average yarn number: 23.8 metric            Finish:(Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p> <p>Fabric 6 : HTS Subheading:5209.31.60.50            Fiber Content:100% Cotton            Weight:254 g/m2            Width:160 centimeters cuttable            Thread Count:20 warp ends per centimeter; 14.5 filling picks per centimeter; total:            34.5 threads per square centimetre            Yarn Number:Warp: 28.8 metric, ring spun; filling: 8.46 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 20.1 metric            Finish:(Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p> <p>Fabric 7 : HTS Subheading:5209.41.60.40            Fiber Content:100% Cotton            Weight:251 g/m2Width:160 centimeters cuttable            Thread Count:22.8 warp ends per centimeter; 15 filling picks per centimeter; total:            37.8 threads per square centimetre            Yarn Number:Warp: 40.6 metric, ring spun; filling: 8.46 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 24.1 metric            Finish:gingham check or plaid of yarns of different colors; napped on both sides,            sanforized</p>		
	<p>Fabric 8 : HTS Subheading:5209.41.60.40            Fiber Content:100% Cotton            Weight:251 g/m2            Width:160 centimeters cuttable            Thread Count:19.7 warp ends per centimeter; 11.8 filling picks per centimeter;</p>		

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	<p>total: 31.5 threads per square centimetre            Yarn Number: Warp: 20.3 metric, ring spun; filling: 8.46 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 20.1 metric            Finish: Plaid of yarns of different colors; napped on both sides, sanforized</p>		
CBTPA	<p>Certain woven, 100 percent cotton, napped fabrics, of specifications detailed below, classified in indicated HTSUS subheadings, for use in shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear</p> <p>Fabric 1: HTS Subheading: 5209.31.60.50            Fiber Content: 100% Cotton            Weight: 291.5 g/m<sup>2</sup>            Width: 160 centimeters cuttable            Thread Count: 24.41 warp ends per centimeter; 16.53 filling picks per centimeter;            total: 40.94 threads per square centimeter            Yarn Number: Warp : 25.4 metric, ring spun; filling: 10.16 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 14.04 metric            Finish: (Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p> <p>Fabric 2: HTS Subheading: 5209.31.60.50            Fiber Content: 100% Cotton            Weight: 305 g/m<sup>2</sup></p>	Shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear	21 December 2004
	<p>Width: 160 centimeters cuttable            Thread Count: 24.41 warp ends per centimeter; 18.11 filling picks per centimeter;            total: 42.52 threads per square centimeter            Yarn Number : Warp: 25.4 metric, ring spun; filling: 10.16 metric, open end spun;            overall average yarn number: 13.95 metric            Finish: (Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p>		



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CBTPA	<p>Woven, 100 percent cotton, double-napped flannel fabric for use in shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear, as detailed below:</p> <p>Fabric 2:HTS Subheading:5209.31.60.50  Fiber Content:100% Cotton  Weight:203 g/m2  Width:150 centimeters cuttable  Thread Count:21 warp ends per centimeter; 18 filling picks per centimeter; total: 39 threads per square centimeter  Yarn Number : Warp: 40.6 metric, ring spun; filling: 13.54 metric, open end spun; overall average yarn number: 19.2 metric  Finish:(Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized</p>	Shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear	28 January 2005

As at 30 Jan 2005