

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

NAFTA Commercial Availability

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Approved:

Viscose rayon staple fiber - for use in sanitary towels or tampons (US, Mexico, and Canada)

- Product found not commercially available: Viscose rayon staple fiber - 5504.10.0000
- End-use restriction: Sanitary towels or napkins - 5601.10.2000
- [Petition](#): Filed by Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Co., December 19, 2005
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- Implemented: U.S. and Mexican implementation as of October 2, 2009; Canadian implementation as of September 1, 2009.
- [Presidential Proclamation 8405](#)
- [ITC Publication #4095](#) (see item #62, pages 27-28).

Status: Approved & Implemented, effective October 2, 2009

Viscose rayon staple fiber - for use in nonwoven wipes (US, Mexico and Canada)

- Product found not commercially available: Viscose Rayon Staple Fiber - 5504.10
- End-use restriction: Nonwoven wipes - 5603.91, 5603.92, 5603.93, 5603.94
- [Petition](#): Filed by Polymer Group, Inc. and subsidiary Chicopee, Inc., October 28, 2005
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- Implemented: U.S. and Mexican implementation as of October 2, 2009; Canadian implementation as of September 1, 2009.
- [Presidential Proclamation 8405](#)
- [ITC Publication #4095](#) (see item #62, pages 27-28).

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Acrylic staple fiber - for use in certain upholstery fabrics (US and Canada)

- Product found not commercially available: Acrylic staple fiber, not carded or combed (or otherwise processed for spinning) - 5503.30.0000
- End-use restriction: Certain upholstery fabrics - 5806.36.0000
- [Petition](#): Filed by Quaker Fabric Corporation, October 24, 2005
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from Benchmarks, Inc. on the behalf of Celulosa Y Derivados S.A. and Kaltex fibers S.A.](#)
- [Presidential Proclamation 8323](#) - See Note 17 and Annex B.
- [Federal Register Notice](#) of Effective Date for Goods of Canada for Certain Modifications of the NAFTA Rules of Origin (Effective date for U.S. and Canada: July 1, 2009)

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Certain woven fabrics - for use in woven boxer shorts (US and Mexico)

- Product found not commercially available: Certain woven cotton and cotton blend fabrics (see list of fabrics and HTS classifications in petition)
- End-use restriction: woven boxer shorts - 6207.11 through 6207.19
- [Petition](#): Filed by Robinson Mfg. Co., March 1, 2005
- 03/25/2005 [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Presidential Proclamation 8111 of March 6, 2007](#)
- 08/02/2007 [Federal Register Notice of Effective Date for Goods of Mexico for Certain Modifications of the NAFTA Rules of Origin](#)

Status: Approved & Implemented, July 30, 2007

Viscose rayon filament yarns - for use in certain woven fabrics (US and Canada)

- Product found not commercially available: Viscose rayon filament yarns - 5403
- End-use restriction: Woven fabrics of artificial filament yarns - 5408
- Petition: Filed by Government of Mexico, May 14, 2004
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- Implemented with Canada, effective July 1, 2005. See Annex IV (pp. 37978 & 37979) of [Presidential Proclamation 7912](#).

Status: Approved & Implemented, July 1, 2005

Dry-spun acrylic staple fibers - for use in woven warp pile fabrics (US and Canada)

- Product found not commercially available: Dry-spun acrylic staple fibers - 5502.30

- End-use restriction: Woven warp pile fabric - 5801.35
- Petition: Filed by Government of Canada, November 12, 2003
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from the American Fiber Manufactures Association.](#)
- Implemented with Canada, effective July 1, 2005. See Annex IV (pp. 37978 & 37979) of [Presidential Proclamation 7912.](#)

Status: Approved & Implemented, July 1, 2005

Tri-lobal rayon staple fiber - for use in feminine hygiene products (US and Canada)

- Product found not commercially available: Tri-lobal rayon staple fiber - 5504.10.00
- End-use restriction: Feminine hygiene products - 5604.10.20
- [Petition:](#) Filed by Proctor & Gamble, May 18,2004
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from the American Fiber Manufactures Association.](#)
- Implemented with Canada, effective July 1, 2005. See Annex IV (pp. 37978 & 37979) of [Presidential Proclamation 7912.](#)

Status: Approved & Implemented, effective July 1, 2005

Certain nylon filament yarn - for use in gimped yarn (US and Canada)

- Product not commercially available: Nylon filament yarn - 5402.41.9040
- End-use restriction: Gimped yarn - 5606
- [Petition:](#) Filed by Unifi Inc., September 15, 2003
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- Implemented with Canada, effective July 1, 2005. See Annex IV (pp. 37978 & 37979) of [Presidential Proclamation 7912.](#)

Status: Approved & Implemented, July 1, 2005.

Combed Fine Animal Hair of Yarns of Carded Cashmere and Camelhair, or Yarns of Combed Fine Animal Hair - for use in certain woven fabrics (US and Canada)

- Product not commercially available: Carded cashmere and camelhair yarns - 5108.10.60
- End-use restriction: Certain woven fabrics from combed fine animal hair - 5111.11 through 5111.19
- [Petition:](#) Filed by Amicale, July 10, 2003
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from the National Textile Association.](#)
- • Product not commercially available: Yarns of Combed Fine Animal Hair - 5108.20.60
- End-use restriction: Certain woven fabrics from combed fine animal hair - 5112.116030, 5112.19.9510, 5112.19.9520, 5112.19.9530
- [Petition:](#) Filed by Amicale, July 10, 2003

- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from Warren Corporation.](#)
- • Implemented with Canada, effective July 1, 2005. See Annex IV (pp. 37978 & 37979) of [Presidential Proclamation 7912.](#)

Status: Approved & Implemented, effective July 1, 2005

Synthetic Acid-dyeable Acrylic Tow - for use in certain acrylic yarns (US and Canada)

- Product not commercially available: Synthetic acid-dyeable acrylic tow - 5501.30
- End-use restriction: Certain acrylic yarns - 5509.31
- [Petition:](#) Filed by National Spinning Company, Inc., July 2, 2002
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from The American Yarn Spinners Association, Inc.](#)
- Implemented with Canada, effective July 1, 2005. See Annex IV (pp. 37978 & 37979) of [Presidential Proclamation 7912.](#)

Status: Approved & Implemented, effective July 1, 2005

Pending:

Acrylic staple fiber - for use in man-made thread and yarn

- Product claimed to be not commercially available: Acrylic and modacrylic staple fiber - 5503.30.00
- Proposed end-use restriction: Certain man-made fiber yarns and threads - Yarns: 5509.31.00, 5509.32.00, 5509.61.00, 5509.62.00, 5509.69.20 through 5509.69.60; Thread: 5508.10.00
- [Petition:](#) Filed by the Government of Canada, June 10, 2008
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Request from USTR](#) to the International Trade Commission.
- [Notice of Initiation of Investigation](#) by the International Trade Commission (submissions due October 2, 2009)

Status: Reviewing [ITC Investigation Report](#) (issued December 2009)

Solution-dyed, wet spun acrylic fiber - for use in warp pile fabric

- Product claimed to be not commercially available: Solution-dyed, wet spun acrylic fiber - 5503.30
- Proposed end-use restriction: Warp pile fabric - 5801.35
- [Petition:](#) Filed by Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, January 14, 2008
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)

- [Comments from AMTAC](#)
- [Comments from Kaltex Fibers, S.A](#)
- [Rebuttal from Glen Raven](#)
- [Rebuttal from Kaltex Fibers, S.A.](#)
- [Second Rebuttal from Glen Raven](#)
- [Request from USTR to](#) the International Trade Commission.
- [Notice of Initiation of Investigation](#) by the International Trade Commission (submissions due October 2, 2009)

Status: Reviewing [ITC Investigation Report](#) (issued December 2009)

Certain rayon fiber (other than Lyocell) - for use in certain textile articles

- Product claimed to be not commercially available: Rayon fiber (other than lyocell)
- Proposed end-use restriction: Certain textile articles in chapters 52, 54, 55, and 56 (see descriptions of end-use products here)
- [Petition](#): Filed by the National Textile Association, October 16, 2007
- 01/09/2008, [Addendum to Petition](#)
- [Exhibits](#)
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from NCTO](#)
- [Comments from Brand Felt](#)
- [Comments from INDA \(Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry\)](#)
- [Request from USTR to](#) the International Trade Commission.
- [Notice of Initiation of Investigation](#) by the International Trade Commission (submissions due October 2, 2009)

Status: Reviewing [ITC Investigation Report](#) (issued December 2009)

Acrylic staple fiber - for use in certain acrylic pile fabric

- Product claimed to be not commercially available: Acrylic staple fiber - 5503.30
- Proposed end-use restriction: Acrylic pile fabric - 6001.10
- [Petition](#): Filed by Monterey Mills, October 29, 2007
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from Kaltex Fibers, S.A. de C. V.](#)
- [Rebuttal Comments from Monterey Mills, Inc.](#)
- [Additional Rebuttal Comments from Monterey Mills, Inc.](#)
- [Request from USTR to](#) the International Trade Commission.
- [Notice of Initiation of Investigation](#) by the International Trade Commission (submissions due October 2, 2009)

Status: Reviewing [ITC Investigation Report](#) (issued December 2009)

Man-made staple fiber and tow - for use in textile flock

- Product claimed to be not commercially available: Man-made staple fiber and tow - (see product descriptions and HTS classifications here)
- Proposed end-use restriction: Textile flock - 5601.30
- [Petition](#): Filed by Cellusuede Products, Inc., December 21, 2005
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from the American Fiber Manufacturers Association, Inc.](#)
- [Comments from Cellusuede Products, Inc.](#)
- [Request from USTR to the International Trade Commission.](#)
- [Notice of Initiation of Investigation](#) by the International Trade Commission (submissions due October 2, 2009)

Status: Reviewing [ITC Investigation Report](#) (issued December 2009).

Withdrawn/Closed:**Yarn-Dyed Poplin Fabric - for use in apparel**

- [Petition](#): Filed by Cintas Corporation, August 5, 2009
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)

Status: Petition Withdrawn (July 5, 2011)

Woven Jacquard Acetate Rayon Fabric - for use in certain woven men's and boys apparel

- [Petition](#): Filed by Oxford Industries, April 29, 2008
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from Keystone Weaving Mills, Inc.](#)
- [Comments from Eastman Chemical Company](#)
- [Withdrawal: Filed by Oxford Industries, August 18, 2008](#)

Status: Petition Withdrawn

Cellulose acetate filament yarn - for use in certain woven fabrics

- [Petition](#): Filed by the Government of Mexico, July 16, 2006
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from Canaintex.](#)
- [Comments from the Eastman Chemical company](#)

Status: Consultations closed. No agreement reached to change rule of origin.

Acrylic staple fiber - for use in certain acrylic blankets

- [Petition](#): Filed by Biederlack of America, Corp., March 17, 2006
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from Benchmarks, Inc.](#)

Status: No determination necessary, as the subject goods met NAFTA Rules of Origin for "self produced" fabrics.

Plain weave cotton/polyester woven fabric - for use mens' and boys' shirts (request to remove commercial availability designation for subject product)

- [Petition](#): Filed by American Textile Manufacturing Institute, February 19, 2002
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from Rode & Qualey.](#)
- [Comments from Kellwood.](#)
- [Comments from School Apparel.](#)
- [Comments from the American Textile Manufacturers Institute \(ATMI\).](#)
- [Comments from Sara Lee.](#)
- [Comments from Phillips - Van Heusen.](#)

Status: Did not proceed to consultations. No change to rule of origin.

Certain untextured (flat) nylon filament yarn - for use in gimped yarn

- [Petition](#): Filed by Unifi, Inc., August 29, 2001
- [Request for Public Comments \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)
- [Comments from the American Yarn Spinners Association, Inc.](#)
- [Comments from UNIFI, Inc.](#)
- [Comments from Dupont.](#)
- [Comments from the American Textile Manufacturers Institute \(ATMI\).](#)
- [Withdrawal of Commercial Availability Request \(letter from UNIFI, Inc.\)](#)
- [Withdrawal of Commercial Availability Request \(Federal Register Notice\)](#)

Status: Petition Withdrawn