



January 5, 2016

PUBLIC VERSION

Mr. Joshua Teitelbaum, Chairman,
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
Room 3001
United States Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

SUBJECT: Public Comment on Commercial Availability Request Under the U.S. – Morocco FTA

Dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

We are in receipt of the Federal Register Notice announcing a comment period on a petition from Swimsuit Commission Corporation (SCC) requesting revision to the rules of origin for certain women's and girls' swimwear to address availability of supply of certain printed and piece-dyed warp knit fabrics of polyester or nylon fibers under the United States – Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

Please be advised that McMurray Fabrics, Inc. is a leading domestic supplier of warp knit fabrics of polyester and nylon with spandex and thus is strongly opposed to the SCC request. Our capabilities include fabrics meeting the following description contained in the SCC petition and summarized in the Federal Register Notice:

Printed and piece-dyed warp knit fabrics of polyester or nylon fibers classified in subheadings 6004.10 containing between 3% and 41% elastomeric yarns, in which the elastomeric yarns were engineered for chlorine resistance, for use in women's or girl's swimwear classified in subheading 6112.41.

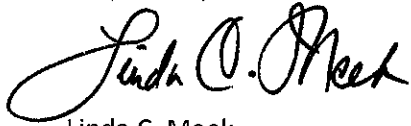
We note that there appears to be a discrepancy in this description as 6004.10 which is defined in the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule as containing by weight 5 percent or more of elastomeric yarn. Fabrics containing 3% or 4% elastomeric would be classified elsewhere in the tariff schedule. To clarify, we are capable of producing the full requested range of 3% - 41% elastomeric content.

McMurray Fabrics currently produces _____ square meters of fabric containing spandex in our U.S. facilities. We have capacity to produce an additional _____ square meters annually. These fabrics are piece dyed or prepared for printing. Elastomeric yarns treated for chlorine resistance are routinely used in our operations and are readily available for any new programs. Our fabrics are suitable for use in women's or girl's swimwear classified in subheading 6112.41. Further, these fabrics can be supplied in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

Please be aware that we have never been contacted by Swimsuit Commission Corporation, but we would be pleased to work with them to supply their fabric needs.

If any additional information or particulars are needed, I may be reached by email (linda_meek@mcmurrayfabrics.com) or phone 910-944-2128 Ext. 210.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda C. Meek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

Linda C. Meek
Director of Purchasing