

and make provisions for the filing of briefs and oral argument if deemed appropriate by the Commission. The notice that the Commission has granted the petition shall be served by the Commission Secretary on all parties.

§ 207.116 Commission review on its own motion.

Within forty-five (45) days of the date of service of the initial determination, the Commission on its own initiative shall order review of an initial determination or certain issues therein upon request of any Commissioner.

§ 207.117 Review by Commission.

On review, the parties may not present argument on any issue that is not set forth in the notice of review; and the Commission may affirm, reverse, modify, set aside or remand for further proceedings, in whole or in part, the initial determination of the administrative law judge. The Commission may make any findings or conclusions that in its judgment are proper based on the record in the proceeding.

§ 207.118 Role of the General Counsel in advising the Commission.

The Assistant General Counsel for Section 337 Investigations shall serve as Acting General Counsel for the purpose of advising the Commission on proceedings brought under this subpart if the prohibited act described in the charging letter involves a protective order issued in connection with a panel review that was pending when the letter was issued, and the General Counsel participated in the panel review. No other Commission attorney shall advise the Commission on proceedings under this subpart concerning a protective order issued during a panel review in which the attorney participated.

§ 207.119 Reconsideration.

(a) *Motion for reconsideration.* Within fourteen (14) days after service of a Commission determination, any party may file with the Commission a motion for reconsideration, setting forth the relief desired and the grounds in support thereof. Any motion filed under this section must be confined to new questions raised by the determination or action ordered to be taken there-

under and upon which the moving party had no opportunity to submit arguments.

(b) *Disposition of motion for reconsideration.* The Commission shall grant or deny the motion for reconsideration. No response to a motion for reconsideration will be received unless requested by the Commission, but a motion for reconsideration will not be granted in the absence of such a request. If the motion to reconsider is granted, the Commission may affirm, set aside, or modify its determination, including any action ordered by it to be taken thereunder. When appropriate, the Commission may order the administrative law judge to take additional evidence.

§ 207.120 Public notice of sanctions.

If the final Commission decision is that there has been a prohibited act, and that public sanctions are to be imposed, notice of the decision will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and forwarded to the Secretariat. Such publication will occur no sooner than fourteen (14) days after issuance of a final decision or after any motion for reconsideration has been denied. The Commission Secretary shall also serve notice of the Commission decision upon such departments and agencies of the United States, Canadian and Mexican governments as the Commission deems appropriate.

PART 208—INVESTIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY OF TEXTILE FABRIC AND YARN IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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§ 208.1 Applicability of part.

This part 208 applies to proceedings of the Commission under section 112(c) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 3721(c)).

§ 208.2 Definitions applicable to this part.

(a) *Beneficiary sub-Saharan African country.* The term “beneficiary sub-Saharan African country” means those countries so designated by the President under 19 U.S.C. 2466a.

(b) *Lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country.* The term “lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country” means a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country that had a per capita gross national product of less than \$1,500 in 1998, as measured by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Botswana; and Namibia.

(c) *Applicable 1-year period.* The term “applicable 1-year period” means the 12-month period beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30 of the following year.

§ 208.3 Petitions.

(a) *Who may file.* A petition under this part may be filed with the Commission by an interested party, including a producer of fabric or yarn in a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country, a producer of apparel in a lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country, or any other person who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Commission a proper interest in filing a petition.

(b) *Contents of petition.* The Commission will consider only petitions that address a single yarn or single fabric. The term “a single yarn or single fabric” means a single product, which may be classified in more than one heading of the HTS or may be only part of a heading. A petition shall include the following information in support of a request for a Commission investigation and determination under this part, to the extent that such information is available from governmental or other sources. To the extent information is not available from such

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sources, the petition may be based on best estimates, including an explanation of the basis therefor. If the petition does not include the required information and/or estimates and explanation, the petition will not be accepted, and it will instead be returned to the submitter. All quantities must be expressed in the unit of quantity used in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, showing any conversion factors used (for example, most woven fabrics are reported in square meters, and most apparel are reported in numbers of units).

(1) *Product description.* The name and description of the fabric or yarn concerned, including fiber content, yarn size, fabric construction, and finishing processes, specifying the United States tariff provision under which such article is classified (to the 8-digit level if possible) and the beneficiary sub-Saharan African country or countries in which the fabric or yarn is produced.

(2) *Statement of interest.* The names and addresses of the interested party or parties filing the petition or represented in the petition, the location and nature of their establishments, a description of the fabrics, yarns, and apparel that they produce, import, and/or sell, for each party filing or represented (including but not limited to the fabric or yarn that is a subject of the petition), and the basis for asserting that such person or entity is an interested party eligible to file a petition under this part.

(3) *Basis for certain statements.* The basis for asserting that the subject fabric or yarn produced in a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country is available in “commercial quantities” and for “use” in a lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country or countries. In support of a claim that such fabric or yarn is available in “commercial quantities,” provide evidence for the 3 most recent full years for which information is available, and partial year data for the most recent year (if less than a full year), that such fabric or yarn is available for sale to third parties and the quantities offered, and any evidence of such sales to third parties. Include advertisements or other documentation in support of such claim. In support of a claim that

such fabric or yarn is available for “use” in a lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country or countries, provide evidence for the 3 most recent full years for which information is available, and partial year data for the most recent year (if less than a full year), of any offers, orders, or contracts or other supporting documentation. For orders already delivered, indicate the quantity involved and the time and location of the deliveries to the apparel producer. For orders for which deliveries have not yet been made, indicate the time or likely time of the receipt by an apparel producer in all countries where the fabric or yarn has been sold or offered for sale, including lesser developed sub-Saharan African country or countries.

(4) *Data concerning fabric and yarn.* With respect to the subject fabric or yarn:

(i) Data on production, sales, inventories, and capacity, that is supportable through documentation that can be made available to the Commission, for each firm known or believed to be producing the subject fabric or yarn in a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country, for each of the 3 most recent full years for which data are available, and partial year data for the most recent year (if less than a full year);

(ii) The name, address (house number, street, city, country, postal mailing number), telephone number, e-mail address, and contact person for each producer known or believed to be producing such fabric or yarn in a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country.

(5) *Orders from apparel producers and other users.* Data on orders from apparel producers and other users in all countries where the fabric or yarn has been sold or offered for sale, including lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, by country, for the most recent full year and partial year (if less than a full year), and projected orders for the 1-year period (October 1–September 30) beginning after the Commission’s determination. The information furnished shall include the full fabric or yarn specification in the order, including, but not limited to, the fiber content, yarn size, fabric construction, finishing processes, quantities, projected delivery time for the

fabric or yarn to the customer identified in the order, and any other information that the interested party submitting the petition believes is relevant. It shall also include the name, address (house number, street, city, country, postal mailing number), telephone number, e-mail address, and contact person (i) for each beneficiary sub-Saharan African fabric or yarn producer identified in each reported order, and (ii) for each lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African apparel producer or other user identified in each reported order.

(6) *Estimated quantity available in next 1-year period.* Estimated production of the subject fabric or yarn, by firm, for the 1-year period (October 1–September 30) beginning after the Commission’s determination, and an estimate of the quantity of such production of fabric or yarn, by firm, that will be available in lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries in that 1-year period, and basis for that estimate, including orders and other supporting documents.

§ 208.4 Institution of investigations; publication of notice; and availability of petition for public inspection.

(a) *Institution of investigation and publication of notice.* The Commission, after receipt of a petition under this part, properly filed, will institute an appropriate investigation not later than 10 days after receipt of the petition, and publish notice thereof in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) *Contents of notice.* The notice instituting the investigation will identify the petitioner, the fabric or yarn that is the subject of the investigation and its tariff subheading, the nature and timing of the determination to be made, the time and place of any public hearing, the deadlines for filing briefs, statements, and other documents, page limits (if any) on posthearing briefs and documents, the place at which the petition or request and any other documents filed in the course of the investigation may be inspected, and the name, address, and telephone number of the office that may be contacted for more information.

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(c) *Availability for public inspection.* The Commission will promptly make each petition available for public inspection (with the exception of confidential business information).

§ 208.5 Public hearing.

(a) *In general.* The Commission may, in its discretion, hold a public hearing in connection with an investigation under this part. If the Commission holds a public hearing, it will do so only after having caused reasonable notice thereof to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) *Opportunity to appear.* All interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to be present, to present evidence, and to be heard at any such hearing.

§ 208.6 Service, filing, and certification of documents.

(a) *Filing.* Documents to be filed with the Commission must comply with applicable rules, including § 201.8 of this chapter. If the Commission establishes a deadline for the filing of a document, and the submitter includes confidential business information in the document, the submitter is to file the confidential version on or before the deadline date and may file the nonconfidential version no later than one business day after the deadline for filing the document. If the submitter is a party, the submitter is to serve the nonconfidential version of the document on other parties on the service list no later than one business day after the deadline for filing the document. The confidential version filed with the Commission shall enclose all confidential business information in brackets and have the following warning marked on every page: "Bracketing of CBI not final for one business day after date of filing." The bracketing becomes final one business day after the date of filing of the document, i.e., at the same time as the nonconfidential version of the document is due to be filed. If the submitter discovers it has failed to bracket correctly, the submitter may file a corrected version or portion of the confidential document at the same time as the nonconfidential version is filed. No changes to the document other than bracketing and deletion of confidential

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business information are permitted after the deadline. Failure to comply with this paragraph may result in the striking of all or a portion of a submitter's document.

(b) *Service.* Any party submitting a document for the consideration of the Commission in the course of an investigation to which this part pertains shall, in addition to complying with § 201.8 of this chapter, serve a copy of the public version of such document on all other parties to the investigation in the manner prescribed in § 201.16 of this chapter. If a document is filed before the Secretary's issuance of the service list provided for in § 201.11 of this chapter, the document need not be accompanied by a certificate of service, but the document shall be served on all appropriate parties within two (2) days of the issuance of the service list and a certificate of service shall then be filed. Notwithstanding § 201.16 of this chapter, petitions, briefs, and testimony filed by parties shall be served by hand or, if served by mail, by overnight mail or its equivalent. Failure to comply with the requirements of this rule may result in removal from status as a party to the investigation. The Commission shall make available, upon request, to all parties to the investigation a copy of each document, except transcripts of hearings, confidential business information, privileged information, and information required to be served under this section, placed in the docket file of the investigation by the Commission.

(c) *Certification.* Any person submitting factual information on behalf of the petitioner or any other interested party for the consideration of the Commission in the course of an investigation to which this part pertains, and any person submitting a response to a Commission questionnaire issued in connection with an investigation to which this part pertains, must certify that such information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter's knowledge.

§ 208.7 Determinations and reports.

(a) *Determinations.* When relevant information is not available on the record or any party withholds information that has been requested by the

Commission, the Commission will make its determination on the basis of the facts available. When the Commission relies on information submitted as facts available, it will, to the extent practicable, corroborate the information from independent sources that are reasonably available to the Commission.

(b) *Time for determinations and reports.* The Commission will make its determinations under section 112(c)(2)(A) and (B)(i) of AGOA and transmit its reports to the President by September 25, 2007, with respect to petitions received on or before March 28 and accepted on or before April 11, 2007, and will make its determinations by August 1 of subsequent years with respect to petitions received on or before January 15 and accepted on or before February 1 of those years.

(c) *Contents of report.* The Commission will include in its report to the President the following:

(1) The determination made with respect to whether a fabric or yarn produced in beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries is available in commercial quantities for use in lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, and an explanation of the basis for the determination;

(2) If the determination in paragraph (c)(1) of this section is affirmative, a determination with respect to the quantity of the fabric or yarn that will be so available in lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries in the applicable 1-year period beginning after the determination is made;

(3) Any dissenting or separate views by members of the Commission regarding such determinations.

(d) *Public version of report.* Upon making its report to the President, the Commission will make such report public (with the exception of information which the Commission determines to

be confidential), and publish a summary thereof in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 208.8 Confidential business information; furnishing of nonconfidential summaries thereof.

(a) *Nonrelease of information.* In the case of an investigation under this part, the Commission will not release information which the Commission considers to be confidential business information within the meaning of § 201.6 of this chapter unless the party submitting the confidential business information had notice, at the time of submission, that such information would be released by the Commission, or such party subsequently consents to the release of the information. When appropriate, the Commission will include confidential business information in reports transmitted to the President (and/or the United States Trade Representative); such reports will be marked as containing confidential business information, and a nonconfidential version of such report will be made available to the public.

(b) *Nonconfidential summaries.* Except as the Commission may otherwise provide, a party submitting confidential business information shall also submit to the Commission, at the time it submits such information, a nonconfidential summary of the information. If a party indicates that the confidential business information cannot be summarized, it shall state in writing the reasons why a summary cannot be provided. If the Commission finds that a request for confidentiality is not warranted and if the party concerned is either unwilling to make the information public or to authorize its disclosure in generalized or summarized form, the Commission may disregard the submission.