

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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The Honorable Elizabeth Azcona
Minister of Industry and Trade
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Minister Azcona:

In a May 28, 2004 letter to the Government of Honduras in the context of the United States-Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (Agreement) negotiations, the United States agreed to conduct an investigation to determine whether certain shirting fabrics are available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any of the Parties to the Agreement. The United States further agreed to make the results of the investigation available to the Parties before the entry into force of the Agreement.

After a thorough investigation which included reviewing written comments from shirt makers and fabric suppliers, meeting with industry representatives, spending time in manufacturing facilities, and observing and learning about their capabilities, we have concluded that 12 of the 53 fabrics investigated are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any of the Parties to the Agreement.

These 12 fabrics are:

Content	HTSUS#	how dyed / colored	Construction
100% cotton	5208.23	piece dye white	144X100 CM50/1XCM40/1
100% cotton	5208.23	piece dye white	150X100 CM50/1XCM40/1
100% cotton	5208.23	piece dye white	160X100 CM50/1XCM40/1
100% cotton	5208.43	yarns of different color	120X90 CM40/1XCM40/1
100% cotton	5208.43	yarns of different color	144X100 CM50/1XCM40/1
100% cotton	5208.43	yarns of different color	144X76 CM50/1XCM50/1
100% cotton	5208.43	yarns of different color	150X100 CM50/1XCM40/1
64% cotton/36% polyester	5210.49	yarns of different color	130X80 45/1XP100D
55% modal rayon/45% polyester	5516.22	piece dye color	187X81 P50DXMR30/1
38%polyester/34%cotton/28%rayon	5516.22	piece dye color	120X70 RC32/1X40/1P+P200D
80%rayon / 20% polyester	5516.22.0040	piece dye color	130X85 R30/1XP75D
64% rayon / 36% cotton	5516.43	yarns of different color	120X80 RC32/1XRC32/1

Sincerely,



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