GENERAL NOTICE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA

PROPOSED QUOTA ALLOCATION CRITERIA FOR TEXTILES AND CLOTHING ORIGINATING FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLICS OF CHINA

Emanating from the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the importation of the textiles and clothing originating from the PRC has been restricted. The Commission will be allocating quotas to all "Past Performers" as defined in the "Regulations on textiles and clothing originating from the PRC". The Commission is considering applying the following criteria in deciding on the quota allocation per "Past Performer":

- For purposes of allocation of the quotas for 2006 to 2008 under each 6/8-digit tariff line to particular "Past Performers", the imports made per "Past Performer" on average during the period 1 January 2003 to 30 June 2006 will be used as the basis.
- A percentage of the average of what was imported during the period 1 January 2003 to 30 June 2006, per 6/8-digit tariff line, will be allocated to each "Past Performer".

All interested parties are invited to comment on the allocation criteria being considered by the Commission within 7 calendar days of the date of the publication of this notice. The Commission will finalise the allocation criteria after considering comments received.

Should you have any comments or inquiries please send it to the Chief Commissioner of ITAC at Private Bag X753, Pretoria 0001 or Email it to psnyman@itac.org.za, nkruger@itac.org.za or cgrove@itac.org.za