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PORT OF CHARLESTON NOTICE NO: FY2008-16

TO: Importers, Brokers, Carriers, and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Implementation of Textile Safeguard on Socks from Honduras under Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR)

BACKGROUND:

On August 21, 2007, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) initiated a safeguard proceeding to determine whether certain cotton, wool, and manmade fiber socks of Honduran origin posed a threat of damage to the U.S. industry [72 Federal Register (FR) 46611.] As a result of this review CITA established safeguards on imports of certain Honduran cotton socks (73 FR 91 dated May 09, 2008).

The measure includes an increase of 5 percent ad valorem in the rate of duty on cotton socks classified in HTS subheading 6115.95 originating from Honduras that qualify for CAFTA-DR. Socks that do not qualify for CAFTA-DR would still be dutiable at the Normal Trade Relations (NTR) rate.

ACTION:

Cotton socks, classifiable in HTS subheading 6115.95.60 or 6115.95.90, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, beginning July 01, 2008 through December 31, 2008 that are eligible for CAFTA-DR will be subject to safeguards.

Socks that meet the conditions of General Note 29 are to be entered using HTS 9915.50.01 along with the 6115.95.60 or 6115.95.90 HTS number. The 5 percent rate of duty is applied to the full value of the imported article; even for socks that qualify for 9802.00.80 or 9822.05.10. Socks that do not meet the conditions of General Note 29 continue to be subject to NTR duty rates.

INFORMATION:

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