

THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL (Sponsored By Government of INDIA)

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Sub: TBT notification issued by USA on Textile

Dear Member,

This has reference to TBT notification no. G/TBT/N/USA/242/Add.2 dated 1st May 2019, issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The products mentioned in the notification fall under HS Codes 61, 62 and 63.

Brief of the Regulation:

Background:

On June 16, 2017, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission) requested input from interested parties about ways to reduce the burdens and costs associated with existing regulations, while still protecting consumers from risks of death or injuries associated with consumer products. The Commission followed up on this burden reduction goal in its Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Plan, directing CPSC staff to review possibilities for reducing burdens, including "expanding exemptions for flammability testing." U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Plan.

In this addendum, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) requests information about possible changes to the Commission's Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles to expand the list of fabrics that are exempt from testing under the standard. CPSC is particularly interested in receiving information about the possibility of adding spandex to the list of fabrics that are exempt from the testing requirements. CPSC also would like information about the equipment and procedures specified in the standard and possible ways to update those provisions to reduce the burdens associated with the testing requirements.

CPSC will accept written comments through 24 June 2019.

