

Confidential Business Information

**U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
SUBJECT DENIM APPAREL**

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Office of Industries

500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than March 20, 2008

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its investigations concerning the use of subject denim fabric (Inv. No. AGOA-002) and the availability of subject denim fabric (Inv. No. AGOA-003) under amendments to section 112(c) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(c), included in Public Law 109-432. The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as described in the certification paragraph below, and as may be required by law. **This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).**

Name of firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

World Wide Web address _____

Since **October 1, 2006**, has your firm imported apparel from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries made from subject denim (as defined in the attached instructions) that was produced in a beneficiary SSA country?

NO

(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

YES

(Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received by March 20, 2008.)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to verification by the Commission. I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout these investigations may be included by the Commission in the report it sends to the U.S. Trade Representative and the President, and may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of these investigations or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements. I understand that the Commission will not publish or release confidential business information submitted in response to this questionnaire in the public version of its report in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of the firm supplying the information.

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone: ()

Fax ()

E-mail Address

PART I.—GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Louise Gillen (Lousie.Gillen@usitc.gov).

I-1(a). Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form. _____hours _____dollars

I-1(b). We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above e-mail address.

I-2. Please provide the name(s) and location(s) of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire.

I-3. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information

Firm Name and Location	Contact Name	E-mail/Phone Number	Extent of Ownership

I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of the subject denim or subject denim apparel in SSA?

No Yes--List the following information

Firm Name and Location	Contact Name	E-mail/Phone Number	Affiliation

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I-5. Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations for subject denim apparel. More than one answer may be applicable.

Importer of record

Takes title to the imported product(s)

Consignee of the imported products(s)

Customs broker or freight forwarder

PART II.— INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT DENIM FABRIC AND APPAREL

PLEASE COMPLETE EITHER TABLE II.-1 (a) OR TABLE II.-1 (b) BELOW BASED ON WHETHER YOUR FIRM KEEPS DATA BY LINEAR YARDS/METERS OF FABRIC OR BY UNITS OF APPAREL.

II.-1.(a) Imports By Quantity Of Subject Denim Fabric

For the specified periods, please report the total quantity of **subject denim fabric produced in a beneficiary SSA country** that was used in the production of apparel your firm imported into the United States **from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries**. Report the total amount of fabric used in the production of such apparel, *including waste*. To the extent possible, provide documentation relating to projected data (e.g., copies of contract terms for future shipments). Please e-mail any such available documentation to dawn.heuschel@usitc.gov or justino.delacruz@usitc.gov, or fax the documentation to Dawn Heuschel at (202) 205-2150 or Justino De La Cruz at (202) 205-2340.

Table II.-1(a)¹

Quantity of subject denim fabric produced in beneficiary SSA countries used in the production of apparel that entered into the United States from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries. Please indicate if quantity is reported in linear yards or linear meters and provide average width below. ¹		
Item	Actual, October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007	Projected, October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008
Total		
¹ Reported in: linear yards <input type="checkbox"/> linear meters <input type="checkbox"/> Average width _____		

¹ Please report only the subject denim fabric used in imported apparel that entered the United States during the specified periods. If this information is not available, please skip this table and complete table II-1.(b).

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II-1.(b) Imports By Type Of Subject Denim Apparel

For the specified periods, please report the quantity (in dozens) of your firm's imports of apparel produced in **lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries** that were made from the **subject denim** (as defined in the instructions) that was produced in **beneficiary SSA countries**. To the extent possible, provide documentation relating to projected data (e.g., copies of contract terms for future shipments). Please provide any such available documentation to dawn.heuschel@usitc.gov or justino.delacruz@usitc.gov or fax to Dawn Heuschel at (202) 205-2150 or Justino De La Cruz at (202) 205-2340. Please **exclude** imports of apparel made of other types of denim or other types of fabric from the data reported below.

Table II.-1(b)

Imports of apparel produced in lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries made of the subject denim produced in beneficiary SSA countries.		
Apparel items ²	Quantity (<i>in dozens</i>)	
	Actual, October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007	Projected, October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008
Men's jackets (HTS nos. 6201.92.2031 and 6201.92.2051)		
Boys' jackets (HTS nos. 6201.92.2041 and 6201.92.2061)		
Men's jeans (HTS nos. 6203.42.4011 and 6203.42.4016)		
Boys' jeans (HTS nos. 6203.42.4036 and 6203.42.4046)		
Men's shorts (HTS no. 6203.42.4051)		
Boys' shorts (HTS no. 6203.42.4061)		
Boys' shorts part of playsuits (HTS nos. 6203.42.4031, 6203.42.4041, and 6203.42.4056)		
Women's jackets (HTS no. 6202.92.2061)		
Girls' jackets (HTS no. 6202.92.2071)		
Women's jeans (HTS nos. 6204.62.4011 and 6204.62.4021)		
Girls' jeans (HTS nos. 6204.62.4041 and 6204.62.4051)		
Women's shorts (HTS no. 6204.62.4056)		
Girls' shorts (HTS no. 6204.62.4066)		
Girls' shorts part of playsuits (HTS nos. 6204.62.4036, 6204.62.4046, and 6204.62.4061)		
Women's skirts (HTS nos. 6204.52.2030 and 6204.52.2070)		
Girls' skirts (HTS nos. 6204.52.2040 and 6204.52.2080)		
Other apparel item, HTS no. _____		
Other apparel item, HTS no. _____		

² The HTS numbers shown are for 2007.

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II-2. Average Denim Fabric Used By Type Of Apparel

To the extent possible, please indicate the average linear yards/meters and average width of the fabric used in the production of apparel items your firm imported from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries made of the subject denim produced in beneficiary SSA countries. **If the information is not available, please indicate with N/A.**

Average quantity of fabric used in the production of apparel. Please indicate estimates with an "E." Please indicate if the fabric data are reported in: <input type="checkbox"/> linear yards and inches <input type="checkbox"/> linear meters and centimeters		
Apparel items	Average linear yards/meters of fabric used (per dozen)	Average width of fabric used (inches/centimeters)
Men's jeans		
Men's shorts		
Boys' jeans		
Boys' shorts		
Women's jeans		
Women's shorts		
Girls' jeans		
Girls' shorts		
Others (please specify apparel item below):		

II-3. For FY 2009, does your firm anticipate changing its sourcing of apparel made with the subject denim in lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries?

No Yes -- Please describe how your sourcing will change, including the products, the sources, and the amount.

II-4. Does your firm typically specify the particular type of the subject denim fabric used in the production of the denim apparel that you import from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries?

Yes No

II-5. Who typically controls the sourcing of the subject denim fabric used in the production of the denim apparel that you import from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries?

Apparel producer Your firm

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II-6. Since January 1, 2006, have any beneficiary SSA fabric or apparel producers failed in their attempts to certify their subject denim or subject denim apparel with your firm or have any beneficiary SSA producers lost their approved status?

- No Yes – Please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the qualification process.

II-7. Can other types of denim (for example, denim classified under 5211.42 of the HTS) be substituted for the subject denim in its end uses?

- No Yes – Please list in order of importance any of the types of denim that may be substituted for the subject denim.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

Note: Denim fabric classified in subheading 5211.42.00 of the HTS is made from the same types of yarns and weaves as that of the subject denim fabric. However, denim fabric classified in subheading 5211.42.00 contains less than 85 percent by weight of cotton and is made of both cotton and manmade fiber yarns.

II-8. If your firm could no longer import the subject denim apparel made of non-beneficiary SSA country fabric from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries on a duty-free basis, please describe how this would effect your sourcing decisions.

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II-9. Do differences in the following factors impact your or your suppliers' decisions to source the subject denim fabric from beneficiary SSA country producers rather than other country producers? (If yes, please identify the countries and firms you or your suppliers source from, and describe any differences in the following factors.)

Quality

No Yes

Non-beneficiary Country: _____

Differences: _____

Quantities Available

No Yes

Non-beneficiary Country: _____

Differences: _____

Fabric Type/Finish/Style

No Yes

Non-beneficiary Country: _____

Differences: _____

Delivery Lead Time/Reliability

No Yes

Non-beneficiary Country: _____

Differences: _____

Fabric Cost

No Yes

Non-beneficiary Country: _____

Differences: _____
