

November 4, 2008

Mr. R. Matthew Priest
Chairman
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
U.S. Department of Commerce
14th Street & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room H3001A
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Priest,

Hamrick Mills is a producer of Cotton and Polyester Cotton woven fabrics that range in weight from 74 to 186 gm/sq m. Our production facilities are located in Gaffney, SC where we have been a producer of fine quality woven fabrics for over 100 years.

This letter is in response to the petition filed by AM&S on Swift Galey's behalf (file number 96.2008.10.23.Fabric.AM&S for Swift Galey) seeking a short supply designation for fabrics listed under HTS: 5208.23.0000, 5208.29.2090, 5209.22.0020, and 5209.29.0040. Generic Description is 3-Thread, 4-Thread Twill including Cross Twill fabrics. Hamrick Mills is capable of producing fabrics which fall within the range of fabrics requested by Swift Galey and we are confident that Milliken & Company can finish the fabric we produce in a manner that offers quality that is better than or at least equal to the liquid ammonia finish requested in the Swift Galey petition.

Hamrick Mills produces woven fabrics from 2 manufacturing facilities located in Gaffney, SC. The twill fabric weights listed in the Swift Galey petition include fabric ranging from 74 to 186 g/sq/m which we have the ability to supply. We have the ability to produce several million yards of woven fabric per month in various weights and constructions.

In a contact made by Swift Galey to Jim Hopkins, Mr. Hopkins was asked if Hamrick Mills could offer them finished fabric. Hamrick Mills normally does not offer finished fabric to customers and Mr. Hopkins replied that Hamrick Mills could not offer a finished product since we are a greige fabric producer. He was not asked if there was anyone that could finish the fabric we produce. If Mr. Hopkins had been asked that question, he would have recommended Milliken & Company as an excellent finisher for the finished fabric they were searching for.

We contacted Milliken & Company to see if they could treat our greige fabrics to specifications given in the request which included fabric weights of 74 to 186 g/sq/m. Andy Oberg - Director of Manufacturing for the Apparel and Specialty Fabrics Division with Milliken & Company was contacted and he confirmed that Milliken & Company has the ability to offer finished fabric that would be substitutable for the liquid ammonia treatment. Andy confirmed that Milliken has the technical capabilities of finishing these fabrics with their fabric treatment process and we both agreed that we would welcome the opportunity to supply these goods if asked.

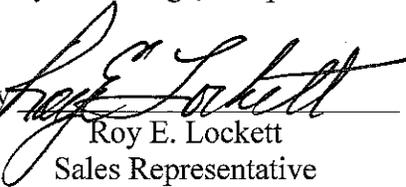
It is our hope that U.S. companies will do their best to source goods from U.S suppliers in the future.

Sincerely,


Roy Lockett
Hamrick Mills

Due Diligence Certification

I, Roy Lockett, Sales Representative, Hamrick Mills, Gaffney, S.C., certify that (1) I have read the attached submission, and (2) the information contained in the submission is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

By 
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Hamrick Mills