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Federal Trade Commission
Office of the Secretary
Room H-113 (Annex G)
600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20580

Attn: Robert M. Frisby; Edwin Rodriguez

Re: Textile Rules, 16 CFT Part 303, Project No. P948404

On November 7, 2011, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) published in the Federal Register (76 Fed. Reg. 60690) a request for comments on the FTC's rules and regulations pursuant to the Textile Fibre Products Identification Act (Textile Act), 15 U.S.C. 70-70k. In the notice, the FTC poses 23 specific questions with numerous sub-questions. The deadline for submission of comments is January 3, 2012.

The apparel retailers, consumer brand companies, importers, and manufacturers who are member companies of our associations – the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA), the American Fiber Manufacturers Association, Inc. (AFMA), the Canadian Apparel Federation (CAF), the National Retail Federation (NRF), the Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA), and the U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel (USA-ITA) — have a substantial interest in the operation and enforcement of the labeling provisions in the Textile Act. In order for our associations to provide useful comments to the FTC on behalf of our membership, we will need sufficient time for comprehensive consultation with and to solicit information from our member companies. However, the November – December holiday season is the busiest time of year for our retail and consumer brand member companies, and relevant executives have been largely unavailable for consultation. Therefore, we are formally requesting the FTC to grant a thirty (30) day extension of the current deadline to Thursday, February 2, 2012.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and are available to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

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