

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/TBT/Notif.00/580
7 December 2000

(00-5312)

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

Original : English

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Federal Trade Commission (28) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fibre
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fibre Products Identification Act (7 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Federal Trade Commission solicits comments as to whether to amend Rule 7 of the Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act ("Textile Rules," 16 CFR 303.7) to designate a new generic fiber name and establish a new generic fiber definition for a fiber manufactured by Cargill Dow, LLC, of Minnetonka, Minnesota. Cargill Dow suggested the name "synterra" for the fiber, which it described as polylactic acid or polylactide, and referred to as "PLA."
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To use the generic names of the fibers contained in their textile fiber products in making required fiber content on labels.
8.	Relevant documents: 65 FR 69486, 17 November 2000; 16 CFR Part 303. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 29 January 2001
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html