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The European Showcase for Brands of China during the Spring Fair in Birmingham, 3- 7 February, 2008

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With a view to further promoting the economic and trade cooperation and exchange between China and Europe, as well as to making Chinese brands better known among both the trade visitors and consumers in the European Union, the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China will hold the European Showcase for Brands of China during the Spring Fair in Birmingham, the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland from February 3rd to 7th, 2008.

The European Showcase for Brands of China will be located in Hall 16 of the National Exhibition Center (NEC) in Birmingham, UK, with roughly 3500 square meters and approximately 80 enterprises. The opening ceremony will be held by the Ministry of Commerce of China at 10.00 am on 4th February 2008 in Hall 16.

As the Chinese economy and its foreign trade continue their rapid growth, Chinese businesses, on the basis of research and innovation while at the same time inheriting and developing traditional techniques, are paying ever more attention to raising the technology content and quality of their products, and to nurturing their own brands names. With evergrowing commitment to aftersales services, environmental protection and social responsibility, Chinese businesses are also focusing more on the promotion of their corporate and their product images. In the meantime, the Chinese Government has invested increasingly more in terms of both materials and manpower in the protection of intellectual property rights. Such endeavors have helped to effectively safeguard the independent innovation capability and brand image of the businesses, thus creating a good environment for the healthy development of Chinese enterprises.

In recent years, some Chinese enterprises have started to establish mature brands, which are increasingly winning international recognition, and enjoying certain influence in the international market like Haier, Lenovo and Changhong, among others, constantly providing quality products and services to the business circles and consumers in Europe.

Source: China Textile Network Company

The European Showcase for Brands of China has been successfully held for 4 times since 2004, contributed greatly to the maximization of the trade structure, further exploration of opportunities of cooperation and promotion of the economic and trade relationship between China and the European Union. The Ministry of Commerce of China has selected approximately 80 top brand enterprises. The exhibits on display include well-known brand Chinese products concentrically in the areas of gifts, stationery, textile and garments, kitchen utensils, bags and suitcases, house ware, garden facilities and small electrical appliances, with high technology content and the latest design in the respective fields.

The purpose of holding the European Showcase for Brands of China at the Spring Fair in Birmingham is mainly to provide a platform for the European business circles to know about the branded products of China. Chinese exhibitors are looking forward to extensive economic and trade cooperation with their counterparts in the European Union.

Source: MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

Celebrated suppliers to grace Intertextile Beijing Apparel Fabrics 2008

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In a new, larger facility, Intertextile Beijing Apparel Fabrics 2008 will feature some of the biggest textile suppliers from around the world 27 ~C 29 March 2008, at the China International Exhibition Centre in Beijing. The venue is conveniently located and modern and leaves room for the popular event to grow. The show is one of the leading textile apparel trade events for northern China with nearly 22,000 trade buyers attending last year.

The show features many big names in textiles, accessories and more. Among the new companies this year, Weyermann from Germany will present a wide range of linings. The company employs an in-house design agency to create unique and high-quality fashion interlinings in jacquard, stripes, checks, satins and more. Weyermann uses the latest CAD systems and electronically controlled jacquard weaving machines to achieve their signature quality.

Examples of returning companies are Ding Zing Chemical Products from Taiwan, which will feature its waterproof and breathable membrane film called Dintex; and Van Delden from Germany, featuring cotton-blends, polyester/polyamids, linen-blends; viscose and microfilaments made in state-of-the-art factories. Overall, about 1,000 exhibitors are expected to attend.

Country/region pavilions host companies from Europe, Asia:

Intertextile Beijing features special country pavilions to group suppliers from one region or country. Pavilions help visitors locate suppliers with ease and give exhibitors a high profile space to exhibit. Pavilions tapped for this year include Germany, Italy, Pakistan, Korea and Taiwan.

Source: fibre2fashion

Announcement No.91, 2007 of Ministry of Commerce on promulgating measures for supervising some textil

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To maintain the China-EU textile trade develop healthily and stably, in accordance to the related regulations of Article 16 of Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce decides to take the measure of export license approval for some textile products exported to EU as from January 1, 2008. Now the related issues are announced as follows:

1. According to the regulations in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on China-EU Textile Trade, management over the export quantity of 10 kinds of textile products exported to EU will be lifted as from January 1, 2008.
2. Export license management over 8 kinds of textile products (referred to Appendix 2 for the list) exported to EU members (referred to Appendix 1 for the catalogue) shall be carried out as from January 1, 2008, and shall be ended as from December 31, 2008.
3. Enterprises managing the textile products listed in Appendix 2 shall be examined to get the qualification to export such products. The standard-making and examination work relating to the qualification shall be undertaken by Chamber of China Textile Import & Export Trade, Association of China Textile Industry and Association of Foreign-funded Enterprises of China. Enterprises up to the related standards may apply for the Export License of Textile Products Exprted to EU(hereinafter referred to as the License).
4. When transporting the textile products listed in Appendix 2 abroad, enterprises that are up to the regulated standards shall apply for the License to local department of commerce (referred to Appendix 3 for the list) authorized by the Ministry of Commerce with export contract, the written authorization of transportation (including the cargo manifest or other warrants of transportation authorization) needed. Enterprises applying for the License online or in written form shall deliver export contract and the written authorization of transportation to the local license-issuing authority for report.
5. The local department of commerce shall issue the License within 3 working days as from receiving the application with correct content and complete form. The electronic data of the License shall be collected by the Ministry of Commerce and delivered to China Customs.
6. China Customs shall dispose enterprises' declaring and release them by the License. The License No and the relative information shall be feed back to the Ministry of Commerce, which shall deliver the electronic data of the License to Europe.
7. With respect to goods transported by air, the local departments of commerce all over the country shall mark the related data of the License with - involving air transportation - according to the export contract and the written authorization of air transportation provided by enterprises, and deliver the data to the Ministry of Commerce, which shall send the relative electronic data to Europe.
8. As for the License, the policy of "one license for each parcel of goods, one license for each time of declaring" is taken. The Chinese version of the License is valid within 45 days, while the English version is valid within 75 days. The period of validity of the electronic data is the same as that of the two versions of the License respectively, and shall not be prolonged.
9. The License can not be transferred or changed. In case of changing it, except the category of the goods, other contents of the License can be changed correspondingly after enterprises showing the relative documents. Moreover, the License for the same parcel of goods can not be changed twice.
10. The state of application for the License can be enquired on the terminal of the license administration system. If the state still indicates - being delivered to China Customs, un-

Source: China Textile Network Company

released - 10 days after declaring, the local department of commerce may mark the relative data of the License with “cleared in China Customs” after enterprise’s submission of the bill of lading or other written documents proving that the goods have been transported abroad.

11. When exporting samples or products used for exhibition or sale abroad, which only can be released by the License required by the EU members, enterprises shall apply for the License regulated in this announcement.
12. The Ministry of Commerce shall conduct regular spot check on the usage of the License. If one of the following situations happens on the enterprise, the Ministry of Commerce shall suspend issuing the License of the related textile products for it:
 - (1). The number of the License applied but not used during the period of validity is more than 5% of the total number applied by the enterprise during the same period of time;
 - (2). The quantity unused on the License (subject to the summary of license renewal of China Customs and Europe) is more than 20% of the total quantity on the License that has been cleared;
 - (3). The license that has been marked with “involving air transportation” or “cleared in China Customs” is not used during the period of validity;
 - (4). Applying for the License for the same parcel of goods twice or more, or providing with false documents verified by the license-issuing authorities when applying for renewal of the License;
 - (5). The total quantity on the License applied by the enterprise is evidently beyond its practical capacity.
13. The following situations, if assessed by the Ministry of Commerce, may not be included in the scope of checking of the usage of the License:
 - (1). The License is applied for exporting samples or products used for exhibition or sale abroad and the quantity applied is less than 50 pieces (items, kilograms).
 - (2). During the period of checking, the number of the License applied is less than 20 and the total quantity on the related licenses is less than 2000 pieces (items, kilograms).
14. In case that enterprises are stopped to obtain the License caused by such force majeure as importer’s cancellation of order, natural calamities or transportation accidents, the enterprises may submit application in written form to the local department of commerce with the related documents attached. After examination and assessment of the Ministry of Commerce, such enterprises may apply for the License again.
15. During the period of being stopped to obtain the license, enterprises shall actively cooperate with the Ministry of Commerce, the local department of commerce and associations of trade and commerce in the investigation work, which involves the management of all the textile products in Appendix 2 operated by enterprises including qualification conditions, application and usage of the License.
16. The License shall not be forged or altered. Whoever forges or alters the License authorization documents or the License shall be stopped to obtain the License and punished according to the provisions of the Foreign Trade Law of the People’s Republic of China, the Custom Law of the People’s Republic of China, Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Management of the Import and Export of Goods and Measures for License Administration of the Export of Goods.
17. Enterprises shall operate in accordance with the state laws and rules relating to labor security, safety, environmental protection and with the regulations on product quality, social responsibility and other trade standards made by association of trade and commerce. Any enterprise which does not abide the relative laws, rules or trade standards shall be stopped to obtain the License after approval the related department.
18. The enactment of the License and the related regulations on application, and further announcement shall be responsible by the License Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce.

19. Workers in related license-issuing authorities shall discharge licenses for enterprises strictly according to this announcement and the relative regulations. Whoever breaks the rules shall be punished in accordance with the regulations in Measures for License Administration of the Export of Goods.
20. "Export" in this announcement refers to "exporting to the ultimate destination", applying to exporting to EU members in general trade, barter trade, processing and assemble trade, compensation trade, processing with import material and other forms of trade.
21. Regulations of this announcement shall not apply to those textile products that are processed in the Mainland by outward processing but the place of origin is not mainland China.
22. All the related export enterprises shall strictly implement the regulations in this announcement to regulate the order of export operation, to improve the quality of export products, to optimize the structure of export commodities and to jointly maintain the steady development of textile export to EU during the transition.
23. Interpretation of this announcement is responsible by the Ministry of Commerce.

Appendix: 1. List of the 27 EU Members

2. Catalogue of Textile Products Permitted to be Exported to EU

3. List of the Local Departments of Commerce Authorized by the Ministry of Commerce

*Source: Ministry of Commerce
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Textile Conditions Show Improvement

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China's textile conditions showed some improvement during week ending January 28, which was illustrated in a .55 percent increase in the main textile index to 95.82. Gains were noted in 4 out of the past 5 subindexes. The raw material subcategory index gained 1.36 percent, reaching 94.34, while the accessories subindex rose 1.15 percent to 103.67. Minor gains were noted in the apparel fabric and home textile subindexes, with only the grey fabric index declining .12 percent.

For the month of January 2008, the textile business index increased 4.33 percent to 1,267.48. There was extreme volatility in the index, with the market subindex falling 7.29 percent to 748.35. This contrasts to a 10.11 percent gain in the production index, which reached 1,786.62. The export price rose 5.49 percent to 94.6 percent. In contrast, the export business index fell 6.55 percent to 1,303.43.

Source: globecotnews

Putian set to bring largest Shoes & Clothing Center

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Recently, over hundred enterprises from Wenzhou and Shaoxing city formally signed an investment accord to pitch-in for Putian Shoes and Clothing Center. Leaders from the local Government attended the signing ceremony. While analyzing the reasons for such investment in this particular center, Experts opined that the local shoes-making industry has a huge demand in the market. Local preferential policies and strategic geographical position of the centre had the potential to lure flocks of traders.

Source: China Textile Network Company

Further, due to proper market planning many leather manufacturers and dealers from many areas like Guangzhou, and Henan Province have been doing business with the local footwear manufacturing enterprises for quite some time. The Putian Shoes and Clothing Center, located in Fujian Province, covers over 320 mu, is built with an investment of around 300 million yuan. With over 1600 shops the Centre is set to become the largest shoes and clothing wholesale market in the region. Sources report that the first project is already on the verge of completion.

Source: *Fibre2fashion*

Beijing set for Olympic dress rehearsal in July

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Although the 2008 Beijing Olympics will be celebrated from August 8 to August 24, 2008, at the National Stadium is suppose to have its complete dress rehearsal on July 10. The Beijing Olympic slogan, One World, One Dream, wants the world to unite in the Olympic spirit.

According to Wang Ning, Deputy Director of Beijing Organizing Committee, who's also in charge of the opening and closing ceremonies, the rehearsals for the event will commence on March 1. The organizing committee wants to put up a remarkable show with all the pomp and glory.

Beijing intends to make the three hours show the best opening ceremony ever. Making it an unforgettable experience for the visitors from all over the world. Hollywood director Steven Spielberg, Australian Ric Birch and Frenchman Yves Pepin have been requested by the organizing committee to be creative consultants for the opening ceremony.

Source: *Fibre2fashion*

Cotton Accounts for 35.9 Percent of All Xinjiang's 2007 Agricultural Crop

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The Xinjiang Bureau of Statistics released its final estimates for 2007 crop acreage. Total 2007 agricultural cropland in Xinjiang Province was at 3.837 million hectares. The recent estimates revealed cotton acreage had increased 7.1 percent from 2006 to 1.378 million hectares, which represents 35.9 percent of all cropland. 2007 production was assessed at 2.7 million tons. The Bureau has not yet revised its estimates for past years.

Source: *globecotnews*