**Central America Conference on Textiles Standards and Customs Procedures**

Guatemala City, Guatemala

June 23-24, 2015

Notes:

Primary Audience: Textile manufacturers, regulators

Invitation to: Central America companies

**Day 1**

**Components of successful textiles trade and production & Textile Standards**

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

Vice Minister of Investment and Competition of Ministry of Economy/ Licda. Claudia Del Aguila

Vice Presidente of the Apparel and Textile Association of Guatemala / Ing. Alejandro Ceballos.

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Session 1: Overview of Marking and Labeling Requirements

Experts will discuss necessary marking and labeling requirements for export to developed countries, and how this information can lead to reduced technical barriers to trade.

Speaker: R. Michael Waller, Staff Attorney, Enforcement Division, Federal Trade Commission

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session 2: Applying Marking and Labeling to Safety Requirements

This session will examine product requirements, including labeling, certificates and testing, and how to apply these requirements to consumer safety in terms of textile flammability, children’s clothing, etc.

Speaker: Frank Nava, Deputy Director, Division of Field Investigations, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 Session 3: ASTM Background and Resources

* Introduction to ASTM International
* ASTM International Resources Available to CAFTA-DR National Standards Bodies/MoU Partners
* Participating in the ASTM as Stakeholders – Process and electronic tools
* Overview of key ASTM Technical Committees relevant to textiles
  + - * + Committee D13 on Textiles (which addresses: flammability, testing, marking and labeling)
        + Committee F15 on Consumer Products (which addresses: infant bedding, drawstrings in children’s clothing)

Speaker: Robert Holcombe Laboratory Director, Safety Components Fabric Technologies, Inc.

12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch

Introductory Remarks:

of Jessica Roop / Manager, International Policy

Regional and Bilateral Programs. / American National Standards Institute American National Standards Institute -ANSI

1:45 – 3:45 p.m. Session 4: Technical Training: Textiles – ASTM Quality and Performance Standards

Speaker: Robert Holcombe, Laboratory Director, Safety Components Fabric Technologies, Inc.

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Coffee Break

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Session 4: Sustainability

Textiles manufacturing and environmental sustainability

Moderator:

Speakers:

R. Michael Waller, Staff Attorney, Enforcement Division, Federal Trade Commission

**Day 2**

**Flammability requirements and customs procedures**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m Session 1: Flammability of Apparel

Speaker: Robert Holcombe Laboratory Director, Safety Components Fabric Technologies, Inc.

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 Session 2: Flammability of Children’s Sleepwear

Speaker: Robert Holcombe Laboratory Director, Safety Components Fabric Technologies, Inc.

12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch

1:45 – 5:45 p.m Session 3: Customs Procedures

FTA Rules of Origin and Verification

Preparing for Preference Reviews/Site Visits

Speaker: Diane Liberta, International Trade Specialist, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

5:45 – 6:00 p.m Closing Ceremony