

This analysis of the apparel (knit and woven) industry, including a review of the present and prospective impact of imports on the domestic industry and its workers, is offered on behalf of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (referred to hereafter as ACWA) and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (referred to hereafter as ILGWU).^{1/} The two labor organizations represent over 850,000 workers engaged in the production of men's, boys', women's, misses', girls', children's and infants' apparel and apparel accessories made by cutting and sewing woven and knit textile fabrics, by knitting from yarn, or by cutting, sewing, cementing or fusing related materials such as rubberized fabrics, plastics and leather. These members work in every state of the Union in which apparel (knit and woven) is produced in significant amounts, as well as in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The apparel (knit and woven) industry is an indigenous industry. Mass production of ready-to-wear garments was developed in this country.

^{1/}The industry referred to in this analysis as the apparel (knit and woven) industry is made up of establishments and firms producing garments and accessories for men, boys, women, misses, girls, children and infants by cutting and sewing woven and knit textile fabrics, by knitting from yarn, or by cutting, sewing, cementing or fusing related materials such as rubberized fabrics, plastics and leather. It does not include such items as hosiery, hats, caps, furs, handbags and similar items. The 4-digit S.I.C. classifications or portions thereof that correspond to this definition are listed in Annex A. The available statistical information, it should be noted, does not always strictly conform to the definition of industry given above, but the definition conforms closely to the industry with which the ACWA and the ILGWU normally deal and in which their members work. Yet in view of the substantial similarity in the characteristics of the different branches of the industry, the minor differences in coverage and definition do not affect the validity of the analysis as applied to the industry defined above.