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Hpmework 1

1. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of inside and outside shops.

Inside shops

1. Direct communication, resulting in fewer manufacturing problems and delays
2. Tighter control over quality processes and procedures
3. More control over timing of production, making it easier to meet delivery dates
4. Saving time and transportation costs if garments are made domestically
5. Easier to ensure production is compliant with human rights and environmental regulations

Outside shops

1. No investment in plants and equipment
2. Fewer employee training needs and fewer personnel costs, problems, and demands
3. No need to buy and maintain factories and equipment as business grows simply source additional contractors
4. No need to employ workers between seasons or if business slow; simply hire fewer contractors
5. The ability to perform specialty work as needed
6. Why has the amount of apparel imported into the United States increased in recent decades?

It is cheaper to outsource from foreign vendors.

1. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of an unrestricted flow of imported apparel into the United States from the following points of view:
2. U.S. manufacturer

From this point of view, it’s bad because it creates strong competition and lowers prices.

1. U.S. retailer

It is good in that it imparts low cost to the consumer, but it also results in reduction in quality.

1. U.S. consumer

It is good in that it has low cost, but it also results in reduction in quality.

1. U.S. government

It is harder to tax imported goods, and money leaves the economy

1. Foreign government of a developed country

It really doesn’t have an effect because it is already a developed country.

1. Citizen of an undeveloped country

It provides many opportunities for work, but it is prone to exploiting.

1. Explain this statement: “referred to as quick response (QR) in the past, supply chain management (SCM) goes beyond QR. . .” How did QR evolve into SCM? What are the advantages of SCM for today’s manufacturers?

Because it requires companies to share data on everything from forecasting, point-of-sales, inventory, and potential changes in supply.

1. Discuss computer application within the apparel industry, How does the use of UPCs/bar codes benefit apparel manufacturers and retailers?

It helps to have a fast checkout, and it is easier to keep track of the products’ information such as price, color, style, vendor and size. Also, it helps to keep track on mark down products, and how many are still in stock. It also helps to track shipping boxes to the consumer.