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Hemp: From Outlaw Fabric to Legal Threads

By Andrew Asch Retail Editor

After 20 years, Rob Jungmann, president of the Los Angeles-headquartered **Jungmaven** hemp T-shirt brand, might be seeing his business turned upside down.

Since 1994, he has been selling T-shirts made from a fabric with an outlaw cachet. For years, it was illegal to cultivate hemp in the United States because hemp is a member of the cannabis family of plants. Yet hemp does not carry high enough levels of THC, the psychoactive element in marijuana, to intoxicate people.

But hemp is on the road to legalization. On Feb. 6, the U.S. Senate passed the sprawling Agricultural Act of 2014, or the Farm Bill, which included an amendment called the Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research. It gives state agricultural departments and universities the liberty to conduct research on hemp without fear that its researchers will be breaking drug laws.

Jungmann has long been an advocate of hemp, educating people to see the plant as a crop that is more environmentally sustainable than cotton and hemp fabric as potentially more soft than cotton and sturdier than any canvas.

With the legalization of industrial hemp, Jungmann expects some of the stranger aspects of his business will be ironed out. For example, for decades it has been illegal to cultivate hemp, but it is legal to sell hemp products such as T-shirts, yoga pants, denim, soaps, food stuffs and building materials.

"It's losing the dirty feel because it was illegal," Jungmann said. "There is such a buzz. There's new interest. People who had not heard of hemp are tuned into it."

If a domestic hemp industry is created, Jungmann will not have to import hemp fabric from a number of places, such as China, Canada and various Eastern European countries. The price of hemp fabric might come down. The price for a yard of a hemp-blend jersey currently ranges from \$4.50 to \$6.50 wholesale. However, Jungmann tries to keep the price of his Jungmaven shirts down; the core price points range from \$29 to \$42 and have been sold at retailers such as **Steven Alan**.

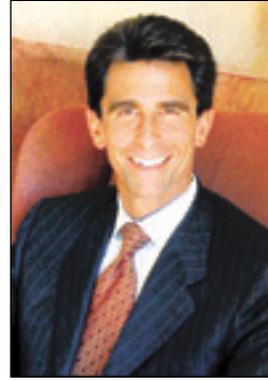
"It will be a mainstream fabric," Jungmann forecast. But it will happen slowly. Major brands such as **Vans**, **Patagonia** and **Giorgio Armani** have experimented with hemp fabric—Vans

makes a line of hemp shoes every season—but they'll have to give hemp more support for it to become a mainstream fabric, Jungmann said.

It will take time for a domestic hemp fabric industry to grow. Hemp crops will have to be planted. Hemp mills to process the fabric will have to be built. The fabric might have to be re-introduced to the public, said Isaac Nicholson of Los Angeles-area **S3 Sustainable Source Studios**, a creative and manufacturing company handling eco-friendly product. "It's a niche product. It's a little costly for that reason," he said.

There's also been a stigma built around industrial hemp after decades of being illegal. Many brands with which Nicholson consults have passed on working with hemp. "It is misunderstood and undervalued as a textile fiber," he said. "Its performance outdoes cotton and polyester; the blend is stronger, and it lasts longer."

Hemp also will have to get green lights from various government agencies. The farm bill requires the attorney general of every state to interpret how the federal law will work with existing



California State Senator Mark Leno

state laws. California Attorney General Kamala Harris has started to consider how the farm bill will be interpreted in California.

However, the pace of change at the federal level is slow and frustrating, said California State Sen. Mark Leno (D-San Francisco). Last year, he sponsored SB 566, which Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law on Sept. 27. It allows farmers to start cultivating hemp upon federal approval.

"It's a half step in the right direction," Leno said. "I don't know why they need to take a half step. Why not just enact the legislation that is pending? We are talking about a non-drug. What is the issue?"

There also is great relief among industrial hemp advocates. After years of being written off as supporters of a fringe issue, they can think about a future where hemp is embraced. "It's surreal," Jungmann said. "I feel like I can rest, but the challenges are going to be different. Our challenge has always been that we can't grow hemp in this country. Now it's going to transition to getting farmers to grow it in the U.S." ●

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Ralph Lauren Looks to the USA for Winter Olympics Uniforms

It didn't take designer Ralph Lauren long to learn that any Olympics uniforms worn by U.S. athletes need to be "Made in the USA."

The man behind the **Ralph Lauren** label was raked over the coals during the Summer Olympics in London two years ago when it was discovered that the uniforms he designed and were worn by the U.S. teams were made in China.

This year, the U.S. teams marched into the stadium for the opening ceremony at Sochi, Russia, wearing uniforms made in the United States. For the sweaters, Ralph Lauren turned

to **Ball of Cotton**, a sweater factory in Commerce, Calif., run by Eddy and Elizabeth Park.

Clover Knits, based in Clover, S.C., worked with the designer to produce a circular knit fleece made with **Supima** cotton yarns made by **Buhler Quality Yarns** in Jefferson, Ga. The fleece was fashioned into fleece pants worn by the U.S. teams during the opening ceremony.

The **Ralph Lauren 2014 Team USA Collection** for men, women and children can be purchased online at www.ralphlauren.com.—Deborah Belgium

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FastFit360 Launches Burst Video-Sharing Tech for Retailers

At the upcoming **Sourcing at MAGIC** show, Las Vegas-based technology solution provider **FastFit360** will debut **Burst**, a mobile technology that allows retailers to capture and share image and video information throughout the supply chain.

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T-ChIP: Transparency at the Textile Chemical Level

Brands and retailers looking at the transparency of their supply chain often hit a stumbling block when it came to their chemical suppliers.

"A commercial chemical product supplied by the textile chemical industry might be made up of three to eight ingredients," said Dina Dunn, president of the **Textile Chemical Profile** program (T-ChIP), a third-party, independent organization that evaluates hazards and risks of chemicals supplied to the textile and apparel industry. Chemical suppliers consider the formula of those ingredients used their intellectual property and a trade secret they do not want to share with their customers.

"We could see a need for a confidential approach that allowed for rigorous disclosure of chemical ingredient information. This information is critical to derive appropriate hazard and risk assessments for commercial textile chemical products," Dunn said. T-ChIP helps "the chemical companies disclose both the hazards and risks of their products to brands and retailers."

Textile chemical companies provide detailed ingredient-level information about commercial textile chemical products—such as finishing agents, lubricants, detergents, dyes and pigments—to T-ChIP's secure website (www.t-chipticket.com).

The T-ChIP site features two levels of encryption. The first level ensures customers can securely input as much general information as possible about the commercial chemical product; the second level provides a depot for disclosure of the formulation's composition, down to the Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CASRN).

The ingredient information is sent as an anonymous list of CASRN and chemical names to chemical toxicology information platform **SciVera**, which will screen the ingredients against leading Restricted Substance Lists and conduct a detailed hazard assessment of each ingredient.

T-ChIP textile chemists will review the SciVera assessment and, using appropriate mixture models of the SciVera ingredient data and published industry secondary data sources, issue hazard and risk assessments based on yield data, assumptions concerning factory performance and the function of the chemical within the textile process, Dunn said.

Chemical suppliers receive the SciVera hazard assessment on each ingredient from T-ChIP along with a summary report on the chemical product's integrated hazard and risk assessment, or T-ChIP Ticket. The T-ChIP Ticket combines the hazard and risk assessment in an easy-to-read format.

"All of this is done for just a few hundred dollars per ingredient," Dunn said.

Very large chemical suppliers may be able to do their own hazard and risk assessment, but T-ChIP was created with small- and mid-sized chemical suppliers in mind, Dunn said.

"The brands and retailers are already asking for this transparency, but the chemical suppliers are uncomfortable disclosing their intellectual property," she said. "This is a Web-based tool that can make everybody happy. It's affordable. It's filling that gap." For more information, contact Dunn at dina@t-chipticket.com or visit www.t-chipticket.com.

—Alison A. Nieder

Imports Will See a Rising Tide This Year

During the first half of this year, cargo-container activity at the nation's ports is expected to inch up 4.3 percent over last year, according to the recently released "Global Port Tracker" report, prepared every month for the **National Retail Federation**.

Import volumes at the ports will be in positive territory for just about every month except February, whose traffic is always affected by Chinese New Year, when many Chinese factories close down for weeks.

At the same time, the National Retail Federation is predicting that retail sales in the United States will grow 4.1 percent this year, depending on how Washington's policies on economic issues affect consumer confidence. "On the consumer side, there is continued hesitancy in spending as net disposable income remains virtually flat," said Ben Hackett, whose **Hackett Associates** prepares the "Global Tracker Report" for the NRF. "As a result, the inventory-to-sales ratio remains stubbornly high."

Cargo-container volumes in January were estimated to be 1.37 million 20-foot containers, up 4.5 percent over January 2012. February was anticipated to be a very slow month because of Chinese New Year, which started Jan. 31 and ended Feb. 6. Cargo-container volume in February is predicted to be off by 8.4 percent over the same month last year, ringing in with 1.17 million containers.

March volumes will skyrocket, with about 1.29 million containers coming through the ports, which is up 13.7 percent over last year. April will be robust with 1.39 million containers moving through the ports, a 6.9 percent jump over last year. May will bring an estimated 1.45 million containers, or a 4.2 percent rise over last year, and June will see 1.43 million containers coming through the docks, up 5.6 percent over last year.

Last year, the import volume at the nation's major ports saw a 2.3 percent improvement over 2012, reflecting a gradual warming in the U.S. economy.—Deborah Belgum

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Federation Design Studio: Premium Fashion Made Here, Not There

By Alison A. Nieder Executive Editor

The sign in the **Federation Design Studio** booth at the **Kingpins** trade show in New York last month outlined the new company's Made-in-America ethos: Made Here, Not There. At first glance, the sign reads "Made There"—but a red slash through the "T" alters the message to read "Made Here."

Federation Design Studio is a New York-based wholesale and retail apparel design consulting group that specializes in progressive technologies. The company also has a factory, called **FDS Factory**, in El Paso, Texas, which produces leather, accessories and denim. Currently, the factory can produce up to 5,000 denim and outerwear pieces per month and up to 10,000 leather pieces per month, according to FDS Co-Founder Roberto Crivello, who said first prototype patterns can be turned around in a week and sewing can also be done in a week. And, if all the components are in, production is equally fast.

"I can produce in two to six weeks—and we'll be very competitive with Chinese prices," Crivello said.

"As an example, Crivello described a premium jean made from Japanese selvage denim with FDS's "The Vicious" wash and

"the most intricate details—hidden rivets at the back pockets, a chain stitch at the hem, really premium construction. You're going to get that [at a] minimum [for] \$35 to \$50 in Asia. You might find some guys in LA who can do that at a better price, but the most we're going to charge people is \$29 and about \$18 to wash. But there are no duties or shipping [fees] to worry about. And, obviously, with bigger quantities the prices will go down."

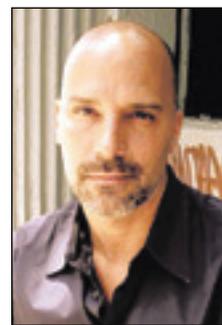
FDS Factory is housed in a 3,500-square-foot space within a 10,000-square-foot apparel factory in El Paso, where Crivello employs about 35 people working on premium product.

Everything is cut and sewn in-house, and there are wash, printing and embroidery facilities nearby. The only missing piece is the dyehouse. Crivello works with one in North Carolina and is investigating others. "Really good dyehouses are hard to find in America," he said.

Return to U.S.-made

Crivello has a long history of working in the premium-denim business. He got his start in 1983

working in Italy for Adriano Goldschmied at the **Genius Group**, founders of the **Diesel** and **Replay** brands, and Enzo Fusco, who now



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At the recent Kingpins trade show in New York, Federation Design Studio showcased the range of its work, which co-founder Roberto Crivello called "industrial chic."

owns **CP Company**. "It was a great introduction to this world," Crivello said.

In 1997, he launched his own brand, **DDCLAB**, with the idea to produce high-end and innovative men's, women's and children's apparel and accessories. Crivello opened a store for the brand on Orchard Street in Manhattan's Lower East Side. In time, DDCLAB opened two more stores in Manhattan and one at the corner of Melrose Avenue and Robertson Boulevard in West Hollywood, Calif., and the studio became the consulting global creative director for **New Balance** and **PF Flyers**.

"When I started [DDCLAB], I produced everything in Japan and Italy and the U.S.," Crivello said. "As time went on, I started producing in China and a little bit in India to get better prices, and the quality started going down. The yen and the euro were way too expensive, so I decided to go back to producing here. I got fed up with producing elsewhere, and, toward the end, I produced 99 percent in the States."

After closing the business in 2010, Crivello continued consulting for brands such as

Puma until launching a childrenswear brand, **CHaLKNYC**, with his wife and business partner, Colleen Crivello, last May. After an initial exclusive launch at **Barneys New York**, the Spring '14 collection ships to retailers nationwide. But he quickly ran into a familiar challenge: finding domestic factories able to produce a specialty product.

One of his domestic resources was the El Paso factory that specialized in leather apparel and accessories and had a history of producing denim. Crivello was so impressed with the operation, he partnered with the factory and launched **FDS Factory**, and within a few months Crivello was showcasing FDS's capabilities at the Kingpins show in New York in January.

"I'd been wanting to have my own factory to prove to people that we can do a really premium construction in America—whether it's denim or outerwear or leather or accessories," Crivello said, listing the advantages to domestic production: "It saves you a lot of time, a

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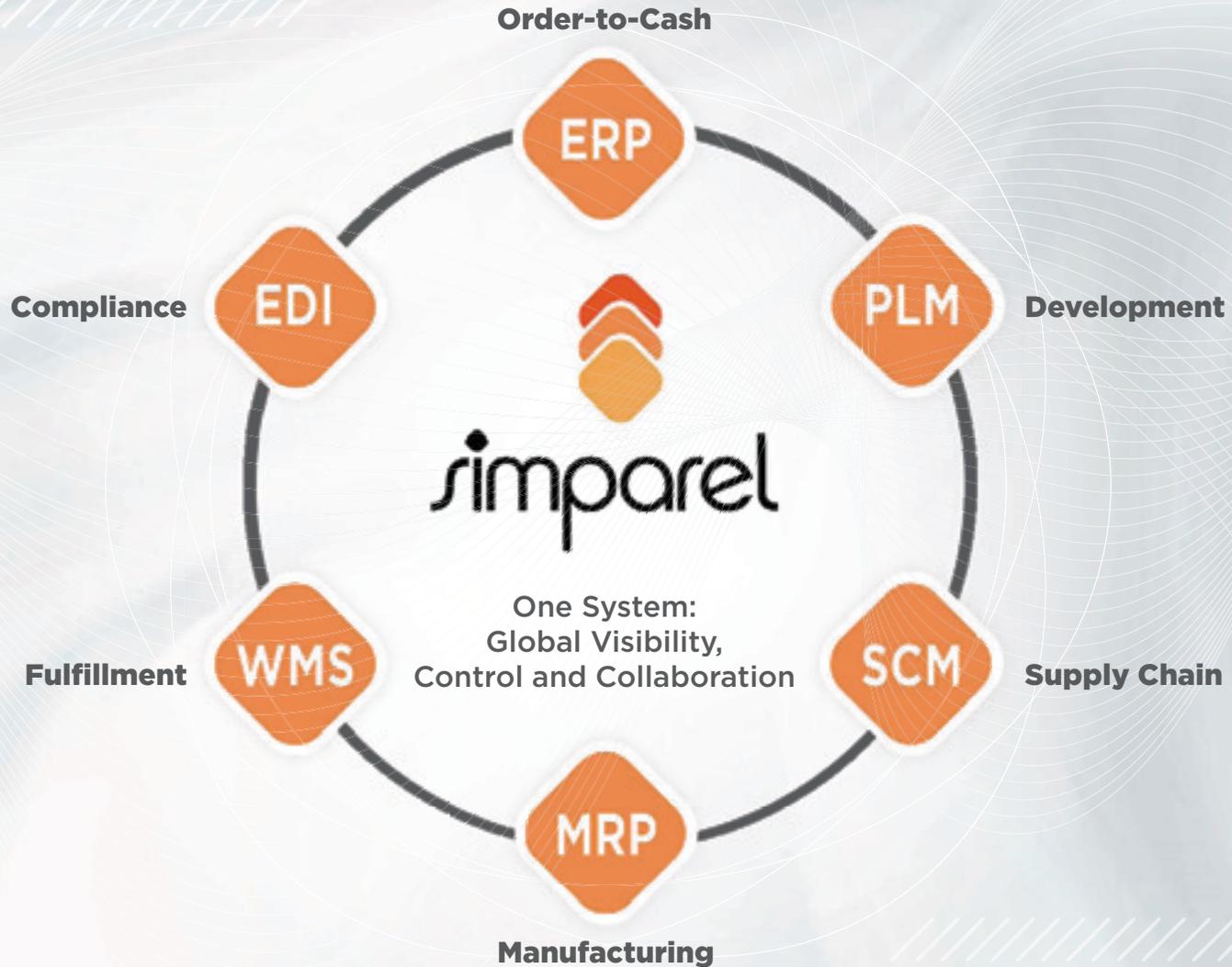
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Crivello said he considers himself fortunate to find a partner with the experience and the skilled workers to produce higher-end premium merchandise. The factory was founded in 1996 and continues to produce for large retailers and manufacturers.

"El Paso was the capital of denim before [the passage of the North American Free-Trade Agreement]," Crivello said. "I partnered with this factory [because] there are artisans there who do beautiful craftsmanship. There was so much business that was lost after NAFTA. Where are these guys going to go? The better ones ended up staying in the factories, and my factory is one of them. I lucked out."

Crivello purposely won't reveal his partner's name or the name of the El Paso facility, citing a bad experience at a Los Angeles factory where everyone could see what their competitors were making.

"I went [to the factory] and I saw what the other designers were doing and I [thought] 'Does that mean that you're doing the same to my product?'"

With FDS, Crivello said, customers are welcome to visit the factory, but they won't see other brands' work while they're there.

"Clients can go and check out the factory," he said. "Anybody that wants to make an appointment—I'll go with you."

And that is one of FDS's main points of difference, Crivello said.

"You can give the same premium jean design to 10 different factories with the same specs, the same fabric, and you will get 10 different-looking premium jeans," he said. "We understand the designer's point of view," he said. "Does he want thinner thread? Thicker thread? Where we stand out is we understand what the designers are looking for. That and the fact that we can turn stuff around very, very fast and at a very competitive price."

Federation Design Studio's New York office is staffed with three people and a fleet of freelance consultants at the ready.

"So if we get more tech-pack work or more graphics, whenever we need people, we just hire them on the spot," Crivello said.

Crivello hopes designers come to FDS not only for domestic manufacturing but as an innovation lab.

"If they want to do new types of accessories, for example, we're doing molded leather in our factory," he said. "If they want to do a new type of leather jacket or distressing, we do all that. Any different types of washes for denim, any different types of construction for denim, we can do all that. If they want to experiment with new high-tech performance fabric for outerwear, we can do that. There are a lot of pluses to working with us. And, again, we don't have minimums, so we can do very small quantities. The biggest thing is when the client calls, you can get an answer on the spot, that same day." ●



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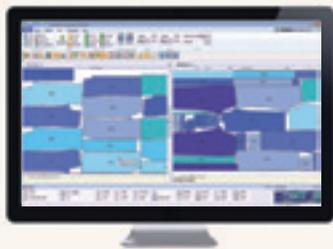
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