

B. Merchandise imported for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, and properly marked commercial sample shipments valued at U.S.\$250 or less, do not require an ELVIS transmission for entry and shall not be charged to agreement levels, if applicable.

The actions taken concerning the Government of Singapore with respect to imports of textiles and textile products in the foregoing categories have been determined by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to involve foreign affairs functions of the United States. Therefore, these directions to the Commissioner of Customs, which are necessary for the implementation of such actions, fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1). This letter will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Sincerely,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

New Export Visa Stamp for Certain Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Hong Kong

December 23, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new export visa stamp.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Beginning on January 1, 1998, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will start issuing a new circular visa stamp. The visa number, date of issue, category(ies) and quantity(ies) will be printed by computer inside the circular stamp. This new visa will be issued on Export Licenses covering shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported on or after January 1, 1998.

Effective on January 1, 1998, textile products produced or manufactured in

Hong Kong and exported on or after January 1, 1998 shall be accompanied by a circular visa which includes the visa number, date of issue, category(ies) and quantity(ies) printed by computer inside the circular stamp. There will be a grace period from January 1, 1998 through January 31, 1998 during which the old or the new visa will be acceptable. The new visa stamp must accompany goods exported after January 31, 1998. If the merchandise is not accompanied by the appropriate visa, products will be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

A facsimile of the new visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, room 3100.

See 58 FR 2400, published on January 19, 1993.

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 23, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on January 14, 1983, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directed you to prohibit entry of certain textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong for which the Government of Hong Kong has not issued an appropriate visa.

Beginning on January 1, 1998, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will start issuing a new circular visa stamp. The visa number, date of issue, category(ies) and quantity(ies) will be printed by computer inside the circular stamp. This new visa will be issued on Export Licenses covering shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported on or after January 1, 1998.

Effective on January 1, 1998, you are directed to accept shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported on or after January 1, 1998 which are accompanied by a circular visa issued by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region which includes the visa number, date of issue, category(ies) and quantity(ies) printed by computer inside the circular stamp. There will be a grace period from January 1, 1998 through January 31, 1998 during which the old or the new visa will be acceptable. The new visa stamp must accompany goods exported after January 31, 1998. If the merchandise is not accompanied by the appropriate visa, products will be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

A facsimile of the new visa stamp is enclosed with this letter.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 98-C0003]

In the Matter of Century Products Company, a Corporation; Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Provisional acceptance of a settlement agreement under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Century Products Company, a corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$225,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by January 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 98-C0003, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melvin I. Kramer, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.