

number identifying the shipment, (e.g., ORO212345).

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month and year on which the certification was issued.

3. The original signature of the issuing official.

4. The correct category(s), merged category(s), part category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity in the shipment as set forth in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA), as amended.

U.S. Customs shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a valid certification including certification number, date of issuance, signature, category, quantity or units of quantity are missing, incorrect or illegible, or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the certification is less than that of the shipment, entry shall not be permitted. If the quantity indicated on the certification is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted. The categories and quantities shall be those determined by the U.S. Customs Service.

If the certification is not acceptable, then a new certification must be obtained and presented to the U.S. Customs Service before any portion of the shipment will be released.

Any shipment which is not accompanied by a valid and correct certification in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be denied entry by the Government of the United States unless the Government of Romania authorizes, by the issuance of a visa, the entry and any changes to the appropriate agreement levels. If U.S. Customs determines that the certification is invalid because of an error, and the remaining documentation fulfills requirement for entry under the Outward Processing Program, then a new certification from the Government of Romania must be obtained or a visa waiver issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the request of the Romanian Embassy in Washington, DC must be obtained and presented to the U.S. Customs Service before any portion of the shipment will be released.

General Provisions

The date of export is the actual date the merchandise finally leaves the country of origin. For merchandise exported by carrier, this is the day on which the carrier last departs the country of origin.

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. \$800 or less do not require an export visa for entry and shall not be charged to existing quota levels.

The visa stamp has not been changed; a facsimile of the new certification stamp is enclosed with this letter.

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

Sincerely,
Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Extension of Temporary Amendment to the Requirements for Participating in the Special Access Program to Include the Outward Processing Program

December 9, 1999.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending extension of amendment of requirements for participation in the Special Access Program to include the Outward Processing Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

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.

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 1998 (63 FR 70112), amended on December 24, 1998 (64 FR 149, published on January 4, 1999), extended the exemption period for women's and girls' and men's and boys' chest type plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or self-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 435, 443, 444, 633, 635, 643 and 644, which are entered under the Special Access Program, for the periods December 23, 1998 through December 31, 2000 for women's and girls'; and September 23, 1998 through December 31, 2000 for men's and boys'. See also 61 FR 49439, published on September 20, 1996, as amended.

Effective on January 1, 2000, that directive is being amended to include goods covered under the Outward Processing Program (see related notice concerning implementation of the Outward Processing Program published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**).

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998).

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 9, 1999.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directives issued to you on December 14, 1998 and December 24, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. Those directives concern the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings in Categories 433, 435, 443, 444, 633, 635, 643 and 644 under the Special Access Program and extend the amendment for the periods December 23, 1998 through December 31, 2000 for women's and girls' "hymo" type interlinings and September 23, 1998 through December 31, 2000 for men's and boys' "hymo" type interlinings. See also directive dated September 16, 1996 (61 FR 49439), as amended.

Effective on January 1, 2000, you are directed to include goods covered under the Outward Processing Program detailed in the directive concerning implementation of the Outward Processing Program published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** in the exceptions detailed in the aforementioned directives.

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

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Implementation and Enforcement of the Outward Processing Program for Textiles and Apparel

December 8, 1999.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs setting forth the requirements for participation in the Outward Processing Program.