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REVISED DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURES

With effect from 1 Jan 2005, the US will lift her textile quota regime for the textiles and apparels sector. In other words, no quota or textile Visa will be required for Singapore-origin textiles and apparels exported from Singapore to US after 31 Dec 2004. However, quota restrictions will still be imposed on such products shipped from Singapore **before** 1 Jan 2005.

Revised Procedures for Export of Textiles and Apparels to US

2. To help you understand the procedural changes, we have compiled the various scenarios and corresponding submission procedures for export declarations to the US in the attached **Appendix**.

3. For example, the US Customs is deducting Tariff Preference Levels (TPLs) of relevant garment exports based on the **date of entry** into the US (ref: Circular No. 47/2003 dated 23 Dec 2003). This will have an impact on your documentation procedures if you intend to apply for both textile Visa and 2005 TPL for shipments departing Singapore before 1 Jan 2005 but arriving in the US after 1 Jan 2005. The new procedure will be covered under "scenario G" of the attached **Appendix**. We hope you will find our compilation useful.

Revised Procedures for Export of Textiles and Apparels to EU and Canada

4. With effect from 1 Jan 2005, EU and Canada will lift their textile quota regimes for the textiles and apparels sector. However, you should continue to apply for the Certificate of Origin (CO) for products classified under the respective textile category codes for exports to EU. The format of the CO used is as per current format. Similarly for your exports to Canada, you may continue to apply for the Certificate of Origin as in current practice.

5. Please highlight the contents of this circular to your colleagues and business partners if relevant. For further enquiries, please contact our Customs Call Centre at telephone number 6355-2000.



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Submission Procedures for Export Declarations to US

S/No	Scenario & Type of Application Needed	Action Required by Exporter	Remarks
A	<u>Where only an Ordinary Certificate of Origin is Applied</u> Shipment departing Singapore with effect from 2004.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares via TradeNet. • Selects Certificate Type "4" in TradeNet. 	No change in present procedures.
B	<u>Where only a Textile Visa is Applied</u> Shipment (under ATC quota regime) departs Singapore in year 2004 and will be cleared in US ports either in year 2004 or early 2005.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares via TradeNet. • Selects Certificate Type "0" in TradeNet. 	Your existing ATC quota will still be deducted based on shipment date in year 2004 even though the shipment may have entered US port in year 2005.
C	<u>Where only a Preferential Certificate of Origin is Applied</u> Shipment qualifies as originating goods under the USSFTA and importer is entitled to zero tariffs in US. Shipment departing Singapore with effect from 2004.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares via TradeNet. • Selects Certificate Type "18" in TradeNet. 	No change in present procedures even though shipment may have entered US port in year 2005.
D	<u>Where only a TPL Certificate of Eligibility is Applied</u> Shipment (under TPL of the USSFTA) departs Singapore in year 2004 and will be cleared in US ports by year 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares via TradeNet. • Selects Certificate Type "18" in TradeNet. • Keys in "TPL" and relevant quantity in Primary Product Code field. 	You are to be certain that shipment will be cleared in US port in year 2004. Otherwise, you are to follow procedures in scenario E below.
E	<u>Where only a TPL Certificate of Eligibility is Applied</u> Shipment (under TPL of the USSFTA) departs Singapore in year 2004 and will be cleared in US ports by year 2005.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submits manual application to Singapore Customs for processing. • Must indicate in the Trader's Remarks of the manual Permit Application that shipment will be cleared in US port in year 2005. • Pays a processing fee of \$20 for both the Permit Application and TPL Certificate of Eligibility at the point of submission. 	You are to be certain that shipment will be cleared in US port in year 2005. Otherwise, you are to follow procedures in scenario D above.

S/No	Scenario & Type of Application Needed	Action Required by Exporter	Remarks
F	<p><u>Where both a Textile Visa and TPL Certificate of Eligibility is Applied</u> Shipments depart Singapore in year 2004 and will be cleared in US ports by year 2004.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares via TradeNet. • Selects Certificate Types "0" and "18" in TradeNet. • Keys in "TPL" and relevant quantity in Primary Product Code field. 	<p>You are to be certain that shipment will be cleared in US port by 2004. Otherwise, you are to follow procedures in scenario G below.</p>
G	<p><u>Where both a Textile Visa and TPL Certificate of Eligibility is Applied</u> Shipments departed Singapore in year 2004 and will be cleared in US ports by year 2005.</p>	<p><u>Step 1: For Textile Visa</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declares via TradeNet. • Selects Certificate Type "0" in TradeNet. <p>Once the Textile Visa is approved, proceed to Step 2 below.</p> <p><u>Step 2: For TPL Certificate of Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submits the following documents manually to Singapore Customs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - duly approved Cargo Clearance Permit; - approved Textile Visa; - typewritten preferential Certificate of Origin (TPL Certificate of Eligibility); and - cover letter to indicate that company wishes to apply for 2005 TPL as the said shipment will be cleared in US port in year 2005 and indicate valid Manufacturing Statement (MS) date. • Pays a processing fee of \$10 per TPL Certificate of Eligibility at the point of submission. 	<p>Visa no. approved will bear a 4SG2XXXXX which is based on date of departure.</p> <p>TPL COE no. will bear a different 5SG1XXXXX which is based on date of clearance of goods in US.</p>
H	<p><u>Where Retrospective TPL is Applied</u> Shipments were cleared in US earlier but importer now requests for a TPL Certificate of Eligibility to claim tariff rebate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submits the following manual documents to Singapore Customs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - duly approved Cargo Clearance Permit; - approved Textile Visa, where applicable; - typewritten preferential Certificate of Origin (TPL Certificate of Eligibility); and - cover letter to indicate that company wishes to apply for retrospective TPL and indicate valid MS date. • Pays a processing fee of \$10 per TPL Certificate of Eligibility at the point of submission. 	<p>No change in present procedures.</p>