

Conditions of Production Notification

- (1) Production Notification shall be used to notify the Trade and Industry Department of the details of assembling parts including component parts into garments (See Condition (5) below).
- (2) A breach of any of the conditions herein may render the validation of Production Notification liable to be revoked or suspended by the Director-General of Trade and Industry in addition to other appropriate legal and/or administrative action to be taken against the trader concerned.
- (3) Goods covered by Production Notification must be of Hong Kong origin. The goods claiming Hong Kong origin must be able to comply with the origin criteria for cut-and-sewn garments, viz. assembly of parts into garments, as laid down by the Director-General of Trade and Industry in circulars and/or notices to exporters from time to time.
- (4) The manufacturer and the subcontractor must be registered with the Trade and Industry Department for certification purpose.
- (5) Component parts refer to those specified by the Director-General of Trade and Industry in the relevant circulars and/or notices to exporters regarding the production notification arrangement, and the making up of which may have no implication on the origin status of the finished garments. The making up of component parts exceeding the permissible extent specified in circulars and/or notices to exporters may affect the origin status of the finished garments. The Director-General of Trade and Industry reserves the right to interpret and revise the extent of component parts permissible to be done outside Hong Kong.
- (6) The signatory of Production Notification should be one of the authorised signatories of the Factory Registration.
- (7) Production Notification is issued to the declared manufacturer for his use to support the application for Certificate of Hong Kong Origin, export licence and/or other trade documents and is NOT TRANSFERABLE.
- (8) Production Notification must be lodged with the Trade and Industry Department on the day of or within 3 working days (excluding Sundays and public holidays) prior to the commencement of the major assembly work as declared on the Production Notification.
- (9) Goods covered by Production Notification may be subject to physical checking by authorised officers of the Customs and Excise Department at the factory premises of the

manufacturer and the subcontractor. The manufacturer and the subcontractor should be prepared to render all necessary assistance and provide relevant information including, but not confining to, books and records and component parts, etc. for inspection by authorised officers of the Customs and Excise Department. The Director-General of Trade and Industry reserves the right to refuse the validation of the Production Notification in the event of failure to comply with this requirement.

- (10) Unless otherwise specified, a Production Notification shall be valid for 3 months from the date of validation by the Trade and Industry Department for the purpose of supporting the application for Certificate of Hong Kong Origin, export licence and/or other trade documents in accordance with the requirements specified by the Director-General of Trade and Industry in the relevant circulars and/or notices to exporters regarding certification and/or licensing arrangements for cut-and-sewn garments.
- (11) Unless prior approval has been obtained from the Director-General of Trade and Industry, amendments to a validated Production Notification are not allowed.
- (12) Production Notification lodged by the manufacturer and/or the subcontractor shall not be signed by him/her/them in blank or with the material particulars incomplete.
- (13) The manufacturer of the Production Notification must forthwith notify the Director-General of Trade and Industry of any subsequent changes to information declared on the Production Notification following the issue of validated Production Notification and before it is used to support the application for Certificate of Hong Kong Origin, export licence and/or other trade documents.
- (14) The manufacturer and the subcontractor on Production Notification must comply with ANY OTHER CONDITIONS OF PRODUCTION NOTIFICATION (other than those printed above) as stipulated in the relevant circulars and/or notices to exporters from time to time.

Warning

Any breach of the conditions herein may give rise to criminal liability under the Import and Export Ordinance, Cap. 60 and the Protection of Non-Government Certificates of Origin Ordinance, Cap. 324. It is also an offence for any person to make any false declaration or to furnish any false or misleading information in a Production Notification under the Import and Export Ordinance, Cap. 60 and the Protection of Non-Government Certificates of Origin Ordinance, Cap. 324. Heavy penalties are provided for false declaration and information provided in a Production Notification.

