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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Assistant Directors, Trade, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations

FROM: Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs
Office of International Trade

SUBJECT: TBT-09-007 Amendment to Formal Entry Requirements for
Textiles

REFERENCE: Supersedes TBT-01-036

BACKGROUND

On May 24, 1989, U.S. Customs provided a list of tariff numbers that required formal entry regardless of value because of quota/visa concerns, and another list of HTS numbers for which formal entry was required because of regulatory requirements.

As a result of the elimination of quotas on merchandise from China entered into the United States after December 31, 2008, there is no longer a requirement to file a formal entry as established by TBT-01-036 except as herein indicated.

Formal entry continues to be a requirement of 19 CFR 143.21(a), i.e., for shipments of articles valued in excess of \$250, classified in Sections VII, VIII, XI, and XII; Chapter 94; and Chapter 99, subchapters III and IV. The following HTS numbers currently fall within these sections:

3901.10.1000-4304.00.0000
5001.00.0000-6704.90.0000
9401.10.4000-9406.00.8090
9903.02.21-9904.52.50

CBP is in the process of reviewing the above regulations to raise this value; however, before a change can be made, it must be proposed through the formal regulatory process.


In addition to the change in formal entry requirements, with the elimination of the visa arrangements, no provisions remain that allow for properly marked commercial sample

shipments. Samples entering the United States must now meet the conditions in HTS chapter 98, under subheading 9811.00.60, providing for mutilated samples, or another chapter 98 provision, as appropriate.

Please pass this administrative message to port directors, assistant port directors, import specialists, CBP officers, entry specialists, brokers, importers, and other interested parties.

INFORMATION

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