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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS  
OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS

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

SUBJECT: TBT-07-001 Additional Document Requirements for Textiles  
and Textile Products

SUPERCEDES: TBT-03-027

BACKGROUND:

The illegal transshipment of textiles and textile articles undermines the administration of our bilateral textile agreements. The goal of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is to ensure that goods that have been transshipped to circumvent quota and admissibility requirements do not enter the commerce of the United States.

In order for CBP to ascertain if goods are being legally entered into the United States CBP may request additional documents that may not generally be submitted with an entry pursuant to 19 CFR 102.23(b) and 142.3(a)(5). The documents may include, but are not limited to, documents required by a foreign government as a condition of release for export, such as a certificate of origin or other documentation that the importer relied upon to make their country of origin claim. If the requested documents are not provided and the lack of such documentation precludes verification of the claimed country of origin or proper resolution of admissibility, the goods may be excluded from entry into the United States.

ACTION:

CBP ports of entry may request importers to submit additional documents, such as certificates of origin, bills of lading or export clearance documentation, pursuant to the authority in 19 CFR 102.23(b) and 142.3(a)(5).

INFORMATION:

Please ensure that this notice is passed to all Port Directors, Assistant Port Directors, Import Specialists, CBP Officers, Entry Specialists and other interested parties such as brokers and importers.

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(signed Janet L. Labuda for)  
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