

The American Importer

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New U.S. Customs Requirements : Importers of Fashion/ Textiles products

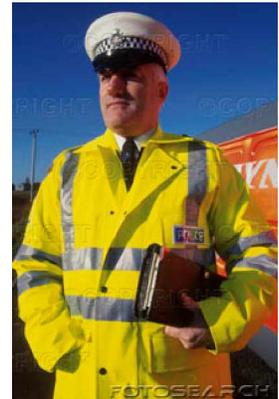
1. Textile declaration documents

U.S. Customs has eliminated the requirement that a textile declaration be submitted for all importation of textile and apparel products from all countries. We recommend, however, that all exporters of goods to the USA continue to send textile detail information. This information is needed to find the correct international customs number and to prepare correctly all documents that the importer must present to U.S. customs.

2. New MID Requirement : Textile & Apparel products

Many of our customers buy textile apparel products from a sales agent. Normally, the sales agent works directly with the apparel factory and never discloses the name of the factory to the importer/customer in the USA.

U.S. customs now requires importers of textile apparel products to provide an "MID code". It is the obligation of the importer to provide the name/address of each manufacturer. We create this code, which is derived from the name and address of the entity/company that performs "the origin-conferring process". Agents, Trading companies, resellers can not be used to create MID codes. Any U.S. customs declaration that uses an MID code created from a known agent or trading company will be rejected. U.S. customs will also impose fines for importers who regularly make errors in the construction of MID codes due to a "failure to exercise reasonable care".



How we construct an MID (Manufacturer Identification) code

1. Country Code – 2 Letters
2. First Part of company's name- 3 letters
3. Second part of company's name- 3 letters
4. Street/Building Number- up to 4 digits
5. City or Town- 3 letters

Example :

Roberts Industries
68150 Central Parkway
London, United Kingdom

MID code segments : UK+ROB+IND+6815+LON MID code: UKROBIND6815LON

Note well: If several manufacturers are involved, then you must provide the name/address information for each one on the commercial invoice. If there are 25 manufacturers, then U.S. customs requires us to send 25 MID codes.

