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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, TRADE, FIELD OPERATIONS  
OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS

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

SUBJECT: TBT-07-011 African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)  
Entry Processing Update for Certain Textile and Apparel  
Products

REFERENCE: TBT-07-007 Amendments to the AGOA for Textiles and  
Apparel Products

**BACKGROUND:**

TBT-07-007, dated March 30, 2007, instructed the trade community that entries for certain textile and apparel products claiming preferential treatment under the new provisions of AGOA could not be filed via the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) until certain programming changes were completed. Customs and Border Protection has now completed the necessary programming changes for automated filing through ABI for the new AGOA provisions.

Claims for preferential tariff treatment under the new AGOA provision in subheading 9819.15.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS), for qualifying merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 1, 2006 may now be filed via ABI.

Importers who paid duties on apparel articles that are eligible for the new trade preference provision and were entered on or after October 1, 2006, may apply for a full refund of duties paid. Importers can avail themselves of all the applicable post entry procedures. In order for an importer to make a claim under the new provision, documentation requirements must be met, e.g. a textile certificate of origin and a commercial invoice with the necessary visa stamp issued by the government of the sub-Saharan African country.

Please refer to QBT-07-530 for information on quota/visa processing for this HTS subheading.

Please note at this time claims cannot be made for textile and apparel products under subheading 9819.11.33 because no countries are currently eligible. As countries become eligible, a TBT will be issued.

**INFORMATION:**

Filers with system processing questions should contact their local ACS Client Representative. For questions on quota/visa reporting, please contact the HQ Quota Administration and Enforcement Branch, at (202) 344-2650. All other AGOA textile implementation questions may be directed to Ms. Nancy Mondich at (202) 344-2166, Ms. Jacqueline Sprungle at (202) 344-2277, Ms. Susan Thomas at (202) 344-3719, or Mr. Robert Abels, at (202) 344-1959.

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