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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations

FROM: Acting Director, Textile/Apparel Policy and Programs Division
Office of International Trade

SUBJECT: TBT-11-005 Final Rule on the Use of the Manufacturer
Identification Code for Textiles and Wearing Apparel

REFERENCE: TBT-05-027 Elimination of the Textile Declaration and New
Regulation for Constructing the Manufacturer Identification Code
(MID) for Textiles and Textile Products

TBT-05-031 Manufacturer Identification Code (MID)
Requirements for Textiles and Textile Products

BACKGROUND

The final rule on the use of the Manufacturer Identification code (MID) for textiles and wearing apparel modifies the interim rule that came about as a consequence of the expiration of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing on January 1, 2005. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has determined that the interim rule, published as CBP Dec. 05-32 in the *Federal Register* (70 FR 58009) should be adopted as a final rule, with the change outlined below and in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 14575).

A change in the CBP regulations at 19 CFR 102.23(a) alters the requirement that importers of all textile and apparel products identify the entity performing the origin-conferring operations, limiting the MID requirement to commercial importations of textile and apparel goods.

Additionally, textile and apparel products have been defined as goods classified in Section XI of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) and goods classified in any ten-digit HTSUS number outside of Section XI that has a three-digit textile category number assigned to the specific subheading.

ACTION

This informational notice to CBP personnel and the trade announces the final rule on the use of the MID for textiles and wearing apparel and provides a summary of some of the significant changes of the final rule.

Please pass this notice to port directors, assistant port directors (trade), import specialists, CBP officers, entry specialists, brokers, importers and other interested parties.

INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact International Trade Specialist Diane Liberta at (202) 863-6241, Import Specialist Nancy Mondich at (202) 863-6524, or Textile Operations Branch Chief Robert Abels at (202) 863-6503 in the Office of International Trade.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Abels', written in a cursive style.

Robert Abels

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