

Israel by virtue of merely having undergone any of the following:

(i) Simple combining operations, labeling, pressing, cleaning or dry cleaning, or packaging operations, or any combination thereof;

(ii) Cutting to length or width and hemming or overlocking fabrics which are readily identifiable as being intended for a particular commercial use;

(iii) Trimming and/or joining together by sewing, looping, linking, or other means of attaching otherwise completed knit-to-shape component parts produced in a single country, even when accompanied by other processes (e.g., washing, drying, and mending) normally incident to the assembly process;

(iv) One or more finishing operations on yarns, fabrics, or other textile articles, such as showerproofing, superwashing, bleaching, decating, fulling, shrinking, mercerizing, or similar operations; or

(v) Dyeing and/or printing of fabrics or yarns.

(d) *Results of origin determination.* If Israel is determined to be the country of origin of a textile or apparel product by application of the provisions in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the inquiry into the origin of the product ends. However, if Israel is determined not to be the country of origin of a textile or apparel product by application of the provisions in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the country of origin of the product will be determined under the rules of origin set forth in §102.21, although the application of those rules cannot result in Israel being the country of origin of the product.

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§ 102.23 Origin and Manufacturer Identification

(a) *Textile or Apparel Product Manufacturer Identification.* All entries of textile or apparel products listed in §102.21(b)(5) must identify on CBP Form 3461 (Entry/Immediate Delivery) and CBP Form 7501 (Entry Summary), and in all electronic data transmissions that require identification of the manufacturer, the manufacturer of such products through a manufacturer identification code (MID) constructed

from the name and address of the entity performing the origin-conferring operations pursuant to §102.21 or §102.22, as applicable. This code must be accurately constructed using the methodology set forth in the Appendix to this part, including the use of the two-letter International Organization for Standardization (ISO) code for the country of origin of such products. When a single entry is filed for products of more than one manufacturer, the products of each manufacturer must be separately identified. Importers must be able to demonstrate to CBP their use of reasonable care in determining the manufacturer. If an entry filed for such merchandise fails to include the MID properly constructed from the name and address of the manufacturer, the port director may reject the entry or take other appropriate action.

(b) *Incomplete or insufficient information.* If the port director is unable to determine the country of origin of a textile or apparel product, the importer must submit additional information as requested by the port director. Release of the product from CBP custody will be denied until a determination of the country of origin is made based upon the information provided or the best information available.

(c) *Date of exportation.* For quota, visa or export license requirements, and statistical purposes, the date of exportation for textile or apparel products listed in §102.21(b)(5) will be the date the vessel or carrier leaves the last port in the country of origin, as determined by application of §102.21 or §102.22, as applicable. Contingency of diversion in another foreign territory or country will not change the date of exportation for quota, visa or export license requirements or for statistical purposes.

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§ 102.24 Entry of textile or apparel products.

(a) *General.* Separate shipments of textile or apparel products, including samples, which originate from a country subject to visa or export license requirements for exports of textile or apparel products, arriving in the customs territory of the United States for one

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consignee on the same conveyance on the same day, the combined value of which is over \$250, will not be entered under the informal entry procedures set forth in subpart C, Part 143 or procedures set forth in §141.52 of this chapter. Port directors will refuse separate informal entries and require a formal entry and visa or export license, as appropriate, for all such merchandise. A consignee for purposes of this section is the ultimate consignee and does not include a freight forwarder or Customs broker not importing for its own account.

(b) *Denial of entry pursuant to directive.* Textile or apparel products subject to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), whether or not the requirements set forth in §102.21 or §102.22, as applicable, have been met, will be denied entry where the factory, producer, manufacturer, or other company named in the entry documents for such textile or apparel products is named in a directive published in the FEDERAL REGISTER by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements as a company found to be illegally transshipping, closed or unable to produce records to verify production. In these circumstances, no additional information will be accepted or considered by CBP for purposes of determining the admissibility of such textile or apparel products.

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§102.25 Textile or apparel products under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In connection with a claim for NAFTA preferential tariff treatment involving non-originating textile or apparel products subject to the tariff preference level provisions of appendix 6.B to Annex 300-B of the NAFTA and Additional U.S. Notes 3 through 6 to Section XI, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, the importer must submit to CBP a Certificate of Eligibility covering the products. The Certificate of Eligibility must be properly completed and signed by an authorized official of the Canadian or Mexican government and must be presented to CBP at the time the claim for preferential tariff treatment is filed

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under §181.21 of this chapter. If the port director is unable to determine the country of origin of the products, they will not be entitled to preferential tariff treatment or any other benefit under the NAFTA for which they would otherwise be eligible.

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APPENDIX TO PART 102—TEXTILE AND APPAREL MANUFACTURER IDENTIFICATION

RULES FOR CONSTRUCTING THE MANUFACTURER IDENTIFICATION CODE (MID)

1. Pursuant to §102.23(a) of this part, all entries of textile or apparel products listed in §102.21(b)(5) must identify on CBP Form 3461 (Entry/Immediate Delivery) and CBP Form 7501 (Entry Summary), and in all electronic data transmissions that require identification of the manufacturer, the manufacturer of such products through a manufacturer identification code (MID) constructed from the name and address of the entity performing the origin-conferring operations. The MID may be up to 15 characters in length, with no spaces inserted between the characters.

2. The first 2 characters of the MID consist of the ISO code for the actual country of origin of the goods. The one exception to this rule is Canada. "CA" is not a valid country code for the MID; instead, one of the appropriate province codes listed below must be used:

ALBERTA—XA
BRITISH COLUMBIA—XC
MANITOBA—XM
NEW BRUNSWICK—XB
NEWFOUNDLAND (LABRADOR)—XW
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—XT
NOVA SCOTIA—XN
NUNAVUT—XV
ONTARIO—XO
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—XP
QUEBEC—XQ
SASKATCHEWAN—XS
YUKON TERRITORY—XY

3. The next group of characters in the MID consists of the first three characters in each of the first two "words" of the manufacturer's name. If there is only one "word" in the name, then only the first three characters from the name are to be used. For example, "Amalgamated Plastics Corp." would yield "AMAPLA," and "Bergstrom" would yield "BER." If there are two or more initials together, they are to be treated as a single word. For example, "A.B.C. Company" or "A B C Company" would yield "ABCCOM," "O.A.S.I.S. Corp." would yield "OASCOR," "Dr. S.A. Smith" would yield "DRSA," and "Shavings B L Inc." would yield "SHABL." The English words "a," "an," "and," "of,"