

§ 134.44

§134.32 of this part, Native American-style arts and crafts must be indelibly marked with the country of origin by means of cutting, die-sinking, engraving, stamping, or some other equally permanent method. On textile articles, such as rugs, a sewn in label is considered to be an equally permanent method.

(3) *Exception.* Where it is technically or commercially infeasible to mark in the manner specified in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, or in the case of a good of a NAFTA country, the article may be marked by means of a string tag or adhesive label securely affixed, or some other similar method.

(e) *Assembled articles.* Where an article is produced as a result of an assembly operation and the country of origin of such article is determined under this chapter to be the country in which the article was finally assembled, such article may be marked, as appropriate, in a manner such as the following:

(1) Assembled in (country of final assembly);

(2) Assembled in (country of final assembly) from components of (name of country or countries of origin of all components); or

(3) Made in, or product of, (country of final assembly).

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§ 134.44 Location and other acceptable methods of marking.

(a) *Other acceptable methods.* Except for articles described in §134.43 of this part or the subject of a ruling by the Commissioner of Customs, any method of marking at any location insuring that country of origin will conspicuously appear on the article shall be acceptable. Such marking must be legible and sufficiently permanent so that it will remain on the article (or its container when the container and not the article is required to be marked) until it reaches the ultimate purchaser unless deliberately removed.

(b) *Articles marked with paper sticker labels.* If paper sticker or pressure sen-

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sitive labels are used, they must be affixed in a conspicuous place and so securely that unless deliberately removed they will remain on the article while it is in storage or on display and until it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(c) *Articles marked with tags.* When tags are used, they must be attached in a conspicuous place and in a manner which assures that unless deliberately removed they will remain on the article until it reaches the ultimate purchaser.

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§ 134.45 Approved markings of country name.

(a) *Language.* (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the markings required by this part shall include the full English name of the country of origin, unless another marking to indicate the English name of the country of origin is specifically authorized by the Commissioner of Customs. Notice of acceptable markings other than the full English name of the country of origin shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the Customs Bulletin.

(2) A good of a NAFTA country may be marked with the name of the country of origin in English, French or Spanish.

(b) *Abbreviations and variant spellings.* Abbreviations which unmistakably indicate the name of a country, such as "Gt. Britain" for "Great Britain" or "Luxemb" and "Luxembg" for "Luxembourg" are acceptable. Variant spellings which clearly indicate the English name of the country of origin, such as "Brasil" for "Brazil" and "Italie" for "Italy," are acceptable.

(c) *Adjectival form.* The adjectival form of the name of a country shall be accepted as a proper indication of the name of the country of origin of imported merchandise provided the adjectival form of the name does not appear with other words so as to refer to a kind or species of product. For example, such terms as "English walnuts" or "Brazil nuts" are unacceptable.

(d) *Colonies, possessions, or protectorates.* The name of a colony, possession,