

Notice to Importers 2772 issued on 6 January 2009 by Import Licensing Branch (ILB), Queensway House, West Precinct, Billingham TS23 2NF

Imports of Restricted Textile and Clothing Products Originating in Uzbekistan – 2009 Arrangements

This notice sets out the European Community (EC) import licensing arrangements for 2009 covering imports into free circulation within the EC of certain restricted textiles originating in Uzbekistan. The category numbers covered by these arrangements are given in the Table at the end of this notice.

2. Importers should note that the licensing arrangements set out in this notice still apply when the restricted goods are consigned from a country other than the country of origin (unless the goods are already in free circulation either in the EC or Turkey prior to their transfer to the UK) and no matter how the goods are ordered or shipped.

Where to Apply

3. Importers may apply to any competent licensing authority in the EC for an import licence. ILB is the competent licensing authority in the UK. Details of the other competent licensing authorities are available from ILB on request.

How to Apply

4. Applications from importers applying to the UK for import licences should be made on form ILB/W and sent to ILB at the address above. Form ILB/W (electronic or hard copy) can be obtained from ILB. The form is also available on the BERR website at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file22857.doc>

5. The quantity of goods stated on the application form must be expressed in the unit indicated in the table.

Export Licences

6. The application must be supported by the original export licence. The export licence designates a Member State of the EC as the country of destination. However, ILB can accept export licences designated for any Member State.

Validity of Import Licences

7. The import licences will be valid for 6 months from the date of issue. Extensions may be granted on request.

Electronic Import Licences

8. The UK issues electronic import licences that are only valid for use in the UK. If the importer intends to clear the goods in another Member State ILB will issue a paper licence. For this reason applicants should state on the application form whether the goods are to be cleared in the UK or elsewhere in the EC.

Returning Electronic Import Licences

9. Importers are reminded that when an electronic import licence is fully used Box 44 status field on the Customs computer should be 'EE' for exhausted on its last entry. Partially used licences that are no longer required should be surrendered by using 'ES' in the Box 44 status field when the last entry is being made. Contact ILB to surrender an import licence outside of making an entry and it will be cancelled from CHIEF. If the consignment's entry into free circulation is delayed beyond the validity of the import licence the original licence may need to be surrendered and a new licence issued.

Information on Surveillance Monitoring

10. Information on the volume of surveillance licences issued by all Member States is provided on the SIGL website by the European Commission. The website address is <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/sigl> and can be accessed free of charge.

Inward Processing Relief

11. Goods which are intended to be re-exported outside of the EC and which are subject to Inward Processing Relief (Suspension of Duty) shall not be subject to these arrangements. They may be imported under the authority of the Open General Import Licence.

Low Value Imports

12. As a result of changes to Customs legislation importers of goods of a value of £120 or less will not need to apply for an import licence.

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This Notice is for information purposes only and has no force in law. Please note that where legal advice is required, importers should make their own arrangements.

The goods listed below require a double control surveillance import licence if they originate in Uzbekistan and are to be imported into free circulation in the European Community (EC):

Table

Category	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	26
Unit	Kgs	Kgs	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces