

## U.S. Market Entry Requirements (Textiles, Apparel, Footwear, and Travel Goods)

### Product Standards and Regulatory Requirements in the U.S. Market:

#### Labeling Requirements

See the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website - [Clothing & Textiles-Facts for Businesses](#).

Helpful guides include:

- [Threading Your Way Through the Labeling Requirements Under the Textile and Wool Act](#)
- [Clothes Captioning: Complying with the Care Labeling Rule](#)

Also see the [FTC's Registered Identification Number \(RN\) Database webpage](#)

For questions regarding U.S. labeling requirements, contact the FTC:

Textile Section  
Division of Enforcement  
Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
Tel: (202) 326-3553

- For leather products, see [Guides for Select Leather and Imitation Leather Products - 16 C.F.R., Section 24](#).
- For imported products, see the Informed Compliance Guide on [Marking Requirements for Wearing Apparel](#).
- For U.S. apparel sizing standards, see the [National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\) webpage](#).

#### Product Safety Requirements

See the [Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\) website](#).

Mandatory textile standards:

- 16 CFR § 1610 – [CPSC Compliance Guide on the Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles](#)
- 16 CFR § 1615 and 1616 – [CPSC webpage on Children's Sleepwear Regulations](#)
- Requirements under the [Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act \(CPSIA\)](#)

[Find CPSC Product Safety Standards or Guidance](#) that apply to your product.

- For questions related to flammability standards: CPSC, Allyson Tenney, Tel: 301-504-7567
- For questions related to lead: CPSC, John Boja, Tel: 301-504-7300

CPSC PowerPoint presentation - [Overview of U.S. Textile Requirements, March 2018](#)

See the [CPSC Regulatory Robot](#) to guide you in identifying important product safety requirements that apply to certain products. Also see the [CPSC Small Business Ombudsman](#), which provides guidance to ensure that consumer products are in compliance with the applicable federal laws on consumer product safety.

See also the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) [Guides for Industry: Compliance Requirements:](#)

- Guide to U.S. Footwear Requirements
- Guide to U.S. Apparel and Household Textiles Requirements

## Importing Information:

For general information, see the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website - [Basic Importing and Exporting](#) where you will find the links "Tips for New Importers and Exporters" and "Importing into the United States."

For specific questions, contact the CBP office at the port of entry where your merchandise will enter the United States or a service port of entry near you. A complete directory of ports of entry can be found on the CBP website - [Locate a Port Of Entry - Air, Land, or Sea](#). Ask to speak with a CBP import specialist assigned to the commodity you are importing. Import specialists are a valuable resource for commodity specific knowledge and can provide classification advice, commodity specific requirements, advisory duty rates, and respond to questions you may have about filing an entry. You may also contact the [CBP Center of Excellence and Expertise for Textiles, Apparel and Footwear \(San Francisco\)](#).

For information on U.S. import tariffs, see the [Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States \(HTSUS\)](#) on the U.S. International Tariff Commission (USITC) website.

Importers can request a written ruling from CBP for the proper HTSUS classification and rate of duty for their merchandise. See [Rulings and Legal Decisions](#) on the CBP website. See [Customs Rulings Online Search System \(CROSS\)](#) for results of previous ruling requests. Issues such as value, country of origin marking, and applicability of trade preference programs can also be found on CROSS.

CBP publishes various [Directives and Handbooks](#), which provide guidance on a variety of trade-related matters, as well as [Informed Compliance Publications \(ICPs\)](#), including the following:

- Classification of Children's Apparel
- Classification of Coated and Water Resistant Apparel
- Classification of Hats and Other Headgear
- Classification of Knit to Shape Apparel Garments
- Classification: Apparel Terminology under the HTSUS
- Classification of Ribbons & Trimmings
- Classification of Textile Costumes
- Classification of Sets
- Country of Origin of Knit to Shape Apparel Products
- Fiber Trade Names & Generic Terms
- Fibers & Yarns Construction and Classification
- Footwear
- Gloves, Mittens & Mitts, Not Knitted or Crocheted
- Importation of Commercial Samples
- Marking Requirements for Wearing Apparel
- NAFTA for Textiles & Textile Articles
- Textile & Apparel Rules of Origin

See [e-Allegations - Online Trade Violation Reporting System](#) to report illegal import or export activities.

For U.S. import and export trade statistics, see [OTEXA's Trade Data webpage](#).