

**Notice to Importers 2764, issued on 15 February 2008 by Import Licensing Branch (ILB),
Queensway House, West Precinct, Billingham TS23 2NF**

Imports of textile products from Bangladesh into the Community - Form A Origin Certificates

The following notice has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union, C41 on 15 February 2008. It is also available on line at - www.europa.eu.int or <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>

"The European Commission informs Community operators that there is reasonable doubt as to the origin of textile products of HS chapters 61 and 62 from Bangladesh, for which the benefit of GSP preferential tariff treatment is claimed.

Within the framework of a Community administrative and investigative cooperation mission carried out in Bangladesh with the assistance of the local authorities, it was found that a significant proportion of Form A origin certificates were either false or issued on the basis of fraudulent or misleading information.

Community operators declaring and /or presenting documentary evidence of origin for imports of textile products of HS chapters 61 and 62 from Bangladesh are therefore advised to take all the necessary precautions, since the release of the goods in question for free circulation may give rise to a customs debt and lead to fraud against the Community's financial interests,

This notice replaces the Notice to importers - Textile products imported into the Community from Bangladesh under the generalised system of preferences (GSP) published in Official Journal to the European Union, C119 of 30.4.1999, which reminded importers that they should always exercise due care over Form A origin certificates."

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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.