

Visa Requirements 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors - Office of Field Operations
FROM: Executive Director - Office of Trade Compliance and Facilitation

SUBJECT: QBT-04-036/TBT-04-038: Cancellation of Visa, ELVIS, Guaranteed Access Level (GAL) Certification, and Exempt Certification Requirements

REFERENCE: Federal Register Notice dated December 17, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 242)

ACTION:

On December 14, 2004, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) notified Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that the following requirements will be cancelled for textiles/textile products subject to the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing for goods exported from WTO members:

- Visas
- Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) transmissions
- Guaranteed Access Level Certification
- Exempt Certifications

The cancellation applies to goods exported on and after January 1, 2005 from the WTO members listed below.

Bahrain	Bangladesh	Brazil	Cambodia
China	Colombia	Costa Rica	Dominican Rep.
Egypt	El Salvador	Fiji	Guatemala
Haiti	Hong Kong	Hungary	India
Indonesia	Jamaica	Japan	Korea
Lebanon	Macau	Malaysia	Maldives
Mauritius	Macedonia	Nepal	Oman
Pakistan	Panama	Peru	Poland
Philippines	Qatar	Romania	Singapore
Slovak Rep.	Sri Lanka	Taiwan	Thailand
Trinidad	Turkey	UAE	Uruguay

The cancellation DOES NOT apply to Vietnam. Goods manufactured and exported from Vietnam in 2005 will require visas and ELVIS transmissions.

DISTRIBUTION:

Please ensure that this notice is passed to all Port Directors, Assistant Port Directors (Trade), Import Specialists, Inspectors, Entry Specialists, and other interested parties such as brokers and importers. Questions regarding this message can be directed to HQ Quota at (202) 344-2650.