

# SPC&B Update

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**Mexico Update on Import Documentation and Apparel Labeling**  
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## **Mexico To Require Additional Information on Import Value, Renews Lower Case Labeling Only for Man-Made Fibers**

### **Value Documentation Requirement Effective January 15, 2016**

As noted in previous updates, Mexico is taking various actions to prevent undervaluation of consumer goods, including steel, textiles, apparel, footwear and other consumer products, being imported into the country. Mexico recently postponed until January 15, 2016, the requirement that importers provide certain documentation supporting the value declared to Mexican Customs.

The required documentation is as follows:

- commercial invoice;
- bill of lading, packing list, air waybill or other shipping documents;
- documentation showing the origin, whenever appropriate, as well as the provenance of the imported merchandise;
- the digital document showing the guarantee made on the customs guarantee account in instances where the declared value is below the estimated price established by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit;
- documentation showing payment of the imported merchandise, such as an electronic payment transfer or letter of credit;
- documentation showing expenses on transportation, insurance and associated costs that relate to the trade operation in question;
- contracts related to the transaction of the imported merchandise;

- documentation showing expenses on any items described in Article 65 of the Customs Law if they are not already included in the price paid for the imported merchandise and certain other conditions apply, such as commissions and brokerage costs (except buying commissions); packing costs; transportation, insurance and associated costs; materials, components, parts and similar items incorporated in the imported merchandise; tools, dies, molds and similar items used in producing the imported merchandise; merchandise consumed in producing the imported merchandise; engineering, development, artwork, design work, and plans and sketches that are undertaken outside Mexico and are necessary for the production of the imported merchandise; any royalties or license fees that the buyer is required to pay, directly or indirectly, as a condition of the sale; and the proceeds of any subsequent resale, disposal or use of the imported merchandise that accrue, directly or indirectly, to the seller; and
- any other information and documentation necessary to determine the customs value of the imported merchandise.

### **Man-Made Fiber Apparel Labeling Requirement Effective June 3, 2016**

After implementing and recalling a standard, then separating the standard for man-made fibers from the standard for natural fibers, Mexico is now reinstating the requirement, for man-made fibers only, that the names of the fibers be in all lower case letters. Labeling of natural fiber names can continue to be in all capital letters, all lower case letters, or with the first letter capitalized and the rest in lower case. In order to allow sufficient time for the apparel industry to make the required adjustment to man-made fiber labeling, the implementation is being delayed until June 3, 2016.

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