

INTRODUCTION

The Export and Import Controls Bureau (EICB) has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) to classify, identify and control imports and exports of textile and apparel products.

Canadian importers need to refer to the relevant HS codes when applying for permits for the importation of textiles and clothing products.

This Handbook is designed and arranged into sections to assist you in the classification and identification of textile and apparel products, and to provide information concerning the import control or export requirements of these goods.

They are described briefly as follows:

- Section E-2: **North American Free Trade Agreement**
provides an explanation of the Tariff Preference Levels (TPL) as provided under the North American Free Trade Agreement applicable for various yarns, fabrics and apparel goods imported from Mexico and the U.S.A.
- Section E-2A: **Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement**
provides an explanation of the Tariff Preference Levels (TPL) as provided under the Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement applicable for various yarns, fabrics and apparel goods imported from Chile.
- Section E-2B: **Canada-Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement**
provides an explanation of the Tariff Preference Levels (TPL) as provided under the Canada-Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement applicable for various yarns, fabrics and apparel goods imported from Costa Rica.
- Section E-3: **EICB Import Control Schedule**
describes and identifies on an HS basis, textile and apparel products that require import permits pursuant to the Export and Import Permits Act.
- Section E-4: **Summary of Textile and Apparel Categories**
describes and identifies product categories and subcategories used in Canada's restraint trade agreements.
- Section E-5: **Annex Codes**
describes and identifies special provisions for certain goods specified in the EICB Import Control Schedule.
- Section E-6: **Textile and Apparel Guidelines**
provides guidelines, by category, on the classification of textile and apparel products.
- Section E-6A: **Textile and Apparel Guidelines Index**