

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA)

IMPORT

With the implementation of the NAFTA on January 1, 1994 imports from the USA and Mexico of apparel, cotton or man-made fibre fabrics and made-up goods, and cotton or man-made fibre spun yarn, as defined in section E-2, are eligible for NAFTA tariff rate reductions up to specified Tariff Preference Levels (TPL). TPLs provide access to the NAFTA rates of duty to a certain level for goods which do not meet the rules of origin.

Imports from the United States or Mexico

For apparel goods and textile products as defined in section E-2 & E-3 imported from the United States or Mexico which are eligible for NAFTA reductions, the import permit will indicate in the "other terms and conditions" block the equivalent square meter quantity eligible for TPL. Should the TPL levels be reached, the import permit will indicate "O" for the quantity eligible for TPL.

The NAFTA duty rate will be levied when the import permit is presented to Canada Customs officials at the port of entry.

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Apparel Goods

- (1) Apparel goods that
- (a) are both cut or knit to shape and sewn or otherwise assembled in Mexico or the United States from fabric or yarn produced or obtained outside the free trade area¹; and
 - (b) are not included in another item on the ICL (Import Control List).

- (2) In this item,

"apparel goods" means goods provided for in Chapters 61 and 62 of Schedule I to the Customs Tariff; (vêtements)

"Canada" has the same meaning as in subsection 2(1) of the Customs Act; (Canada)

"free-trade area" means the area comprising Canada, Mexico and the United States; (zone de libre-échange)

"Mexico" has the same meaning as in part 1 2.(1) of the Customs Tariff; (Mexique)

"United States" has the same meaning as in part 1 2.(1) of the Customs Tariff. (États-Unis)

¹ These products are designated category 15, other coated garments; category 19, miscellaneous apparel articles; and category 49, miscellaneous textile articles as described in section E3.

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Cotton or Man-made Fibre Yarns

(1) Cotton or man-made fibre yarn that is classified under heading Nos. 52.05 to 52.07 or 55.09 to 55.11 of Schedule I to the Customs Tariff that

(a) is spun in Mexico or the United States from fibre classified under heading Nos. 52.01 to 52.03 or 55.01 to 55.07 of Schedule I to the Customs Tariff and produced or obtained outside the free trade area; and

(b) is not included in another item on the ICL (Import Control List).

(2) In this item,

"free trade area", "Mexico" and "United States" have the same meaning as in Apparel Goods page E-2-1.

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Cotton or Man-made Fibre Fabric and Made-up Textile Goods

- (1) Cotton or man-made fibre fabric and cotton or man-made fibre made-up textile goods provided for in Chapters 52 to 55, excluding goods containing 36% or more by weight of wool or fine animal hair¹, and in Chapters 58, 60 and 63 of Schedule I to the Customs Tariff that
 - (a) are woven or knit in Mexico or the United States from yarn produced or obtained outside the free trade area, or knit in Mexico or the United States from yarn spun in the free trade area from fibre produced or obtained outside the free trade area; and
 - (b) are not included in another item on the ICL (Import Control List).

- (2) In this item,

"free trade area", "Mexico" and "United States" have the same meaning as in Apparel Goods, page E-2-1.

- (3) Imports from the United States into Canada shall be limited to goods of Chapter 60 of the H.S.

¹ Refer to Annex Code 0036, Section E5.

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Goods of Subheading 9404.90

- (1) Goods provided for in subheading 9404.90 of Schedule I to the Customs Tariff that
- (a) are finished and cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in Mexico or the United States from fabrics of subheadings 5208.11 to 5208.29, 5209.11 to 5209.29, 5210.11 to 5210.29, 5211.11 to 5211.29, 5212.11, 5212.12, 5212.21, 5212.22, 5407.41, 5407.51, 5407.71, 5407.81, 5407.91, 5408.21, 5408.31, 5512.11, 5512.21, 5512.91, 5513.11 to 5513.19, 5514.11 to 5514.19, 5516.11, 5516.21, 5516.31, 5516.41 or 5516.91 of Schedule I to the Customs Tariff that are produced or obtained outside the free trade area; and
 - (b) are not included in another item on the ICL (Import Control List).
- (2) In this item,
- "free trade area", "Mexico" and "United States" have the same meaning as in Apparel Goods, page E-2-1.