Department for Business, Innovation & Skills

Notice to Importers 2846 issued on 16 December 2013 by Import Licensing Branch (ILB), Queensway House, West Precinct, Billingham TS23 2NF

Imports of Restricted Textile and Clothing Products Originating in North Korea – 2014 Arrangements

This notice sets out the European Community (EC) import licensing arrangements for 2014 covering imports into free circulation within the EC of certain restricted textiles & clothing products originating in North Korea.

Licensing Arrangements

1. The EU limits the amount of textiles and clothing made in North Korea that can be imported. This table shows when import licences are required to import and the amounts that can be applied for :

Category	*Units*	*Description*	*Tariff codes*	*Annual Limit*	*Maximum Amounts*
1	Kgs	Cotton yarn	5204110000, 5204190000, 5205110000, 5205120000, 5205130000, 5205140000, 5205151000, 5205159000, 5205210000, 5205220000, 5205230000, 5205240000, 5205260000, 5205270000, 5205280000, 5205310000, 5205320000, 5205330000, 5205340000, 5205350000, 5205410000, 5205420000, 5205430000, 5205440000, 5205460000, 5205470000, 5205480000, 5206110000, 5206120000, 5206130000, 5206140000, 5206150000, 5206210000, 5206220000, 5206230000, 5206240000, 5206250000, 5206310000, 5206320000, 5206330000, 5206340000, 5206350000, 5206410000, 5206420000, 5206430000, 5206440000, 5206450000, 5604909050	128,000	*10,000*
2	Kgs	Cotton fabric	5208111000, 5208119000, 5208121600, 5208121900, 5208129600, 5208129900, 5208130000, 5208190000, 5208211000, 5208219000, 5208221600, 5208221900, 5208229600, 5208229900, 5208230000, 5208290000, 5208310000, 5208321600, 5208321900, 5208329600, 5208329900, 5208330000, 5208390000, 5208410000, 5208420000, 5208430000, 5208490000, 5208510011, 5208510019, 5208510091, 5208510099, 5208520011, 5208520019, 5208520091, 5208520099, 5208591011, 5208591019, 5208591091, 5208591099, 5208599011, 5208599019, 5208599091, 5208599099, 5209110000, 5209120000, 5209190000, 5209210000, 5209220000, 5209290000, 5209310000, 5209320000, 5209390000, 5209410000, 5209420000, 5209430000, 5209490000, 5209510011, 5209510019, 5209510091, 5209510099, 5209520011, 5209520019, 5209520091, 5209520099, 5209590011, 5209590019,	153,000	*10,000*

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			5209590091, 5209590099, 5210110010, 5210110090, 5210190010, 5210190090, 5210210010, 5210210090, 5210290010, 5210290090, 5210310010, 5210310090, 5210320010, 5210320090, 5210390010, 5210390090, 5210410010, 5210410090, 5210490010, 5210490090, 5210510010, 5210510090, 5210590010, 5210590090, 5211110010, 5211110090, 5211120010, 5211120090, 5211190010, 5211190090, 5211200010, 5211200090, 5211310010, 5211310090, 5211320010, 5211320090, 5211390010, 5211390090, 5211410010, 5211410090, 5211420010, 5211420090, 5211430010, 5211430090, 5211491010, 5211491090, 5211499010, 5211499090, 5211510010, 5211510090, 5211520010, 5211520090, 5211590010, 5211590090, 5212111010, 5212111090, 5212119010, 5212119090, 5212121010, 5212121090, 5212129010, 5212129090, 5212131010, 5212131090, 5212139010, 5212139090, 5212141010, 5212141090, 5212149010, 5212149090, 5212151011, 5212151019, 5212151091, 5212151099, 5212159011, 5212159019, 5212159091, 5212159099, 5212211010, 5212211090, 5212219010, 5212219090, 5212221010, 5212221090, 5212229010, 5212229090, 5212231010, 5212231090, 5212239010, 5212239090, 5212241010, 5212241090, 5212249010, 5212249090, 5212251011, 5212251019, 5212251091, 5212251099, 5212259011, 5212259019, 5212259091, 5212259099, 5811000093, 5811000099, 6308000015		
3	Kgs	Synthetic fabric	5512110000, 5512191000, 5512199000, 5512210000, 5512291000, 5512299000, 5512910000, 5512991000, 5512999000, 5513112000, 5513119000, 5513120000, 5513130000, 5513190000, 5513210000, 5513231000, 5513239000, 5513290000, 5513310000, 5513390000, 5513410000, 5513490000, 5514110000, 5514120000, 5514191000, 5514199000, 5514210000, 5514220000, 5514230000, 5514290000, 5514301000, 5514303000, 5514305000, 5514309000, 5514410000, 5514420000, 5514430000, 5514490000, 5515111000, 5515113000, 5515119000, 5515121000, 5515123000, 5515129000, 5515131100, 5515131900, 5515139100, 5515139900, 5515191000, 5515193000, 5515199000, 5515211000, 5515213000, 5515219000, 5515221100, 5515221900, 5515229100, 5515229900, 5515290000, 5515911000, 5515913000, 5515919000, 5515992000,	117,000	*10,000*

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			5515994000, 5515998000, 5803009010, 5905007010, 6308000020		
4	Pieces	T-shirts	6105100000, 6105201000, 6105209000, 6105901000, 6109100000, 6109902000, 6110201000, 6110301000	289,000	*10,000*
5	Pieces	Jumpers	6101209000, 6101309000, 6101908010, 6102109000, 6102209000, 6102309000, 6110111000, 6110113000, 6110119000, 6110121010, 6110121090, 6110129010, 6110129090, 6110191010, 6110191090, 6110199010, 6110199090, 6110209100, 6110209900, 6110309100, 6110309900	189,000	*10,000*
6	Pieces	Woven Trousers	6203411000, 6203419000, 6203423100, 6203423300, 6203423500, 6203429000, 6203431900, 6203439000, 6203491900, 6203495000, 6204611000, 6204623110, 6204623190, 6204623310, 6204623390, 6204623910, 6204623990, 6204631810, 6204631890, 6204691810, 6204691890, 6211324200, 6211334200, 6211424200, 6211434200	218,000	*10,000*
7	Pieces	Blouses	6106100000, 6106200000, 6106901000, 6206200000, 6206300010, 6206300090, 6206400000	101,000	*10,000*
8	Pieces	Shirts	6205200010, 6205200090, 6205300000, 6205908010	302,000	*10,000*
9	Kgs	Terry towelling	5802110000, 5802190000, 6302600090	71,000	*10,000*
12	Pairs	Knitted or crocheted hosiery	6115101000, 6115109090, 6115220000, 6115290000, 6115301100, 6115309000, 6115940000, 6115950000, 6115961000, 6115969900, 6115990000	1,308,000	*10,000*
13	Pieces	Knitted or crocheted underwear	6107110000, 6107120000, 6107190000, 6108210000, 6108220000, 6108290000, 6212101000	1,509,000	*10,000*
14	Pieces	Men’s woven coats	6201110010, 6201110090, 6201121090, 6201129090, 6201131090, 6201139090, 6210200000	154,000	*10,000*
15	Pieces	Women’s woven coats	6202110010, 6202110020, 6202110090, 6202121090, 6202129090, 6202131090, 6202139090, 6204310000, 6204329010, 6204329090, 6204339000, 6204391900, 6210300000	175,000	*10,000*
16	Pieces	Men’s woven suits	6203110000, 6203120000, 6203191000, 6203193000, 6203228000, 6203238000, 6203291800, 6203293000, 6211323100, 6211333100	88,000	*10,000*
17	Pieces	Men’s woven jackets	6203310000, 6203329000, 6203339000, 6203391900	61,000	*10,000*
18	Kgs	Woven underwear	6207110000, 6207190000, 6207210000, 6207220000, 6207290000, 6207910011, 6207910091, 6207910099, 6207991000, 6207999010, 6207999091, 6207999099, 6208110000, 6208190000, 6208210000, 6208220000, 6208290000, 6208910011, 6208910018, 6208910019, 6208910090,	61,000	*10,000*

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			6208920000, 6208990020, 6208990091, 6208990099, 6212101000		
19	Pieces	Handkerchiefs	6213200010, 6213200090, 6213900090	411,000	*10,000*
20	Kgs	Bed linen	6302210021, 6302210029, 6302210081, 6302210089, 6302229011, 6302229019, 6302229090, 6302299000, 6302310010, 6302310090, 6302329011, 6302329019, 6302329090, 6302399000	142,000	*10,000*
21	Pieces	Anoraks	6201121010, 6201129010, 6201131010, 6201139010, 6201910000, 6201920010, 6201920090, 6201930000, 6202121010, 6202129010, 6202131010, 6202139010, 6202910000, 6202920010, 6202920090, 6202930000, 6211324100, 6211334100, 6211424100, 6211434100	3,416,000	*10,000*
24	Pieces	Men's nightwear	6107210000, 6107220000, 6107290000, 6107910000, 6107990010, 6107990020, 6108310000, 6108320000, 6108390000, 6108910000, 6108920000, 6108990010	263,000	*10,000*
26	Pieces	Dresses	6104410000, 6104420000, 6104430000, 6104440000, 6204410000, 6204420010, 6204420090, 6204430000, 6204440010, 6204440090	176,000	*10,000*
27	Pieces	Skirts	6104510000, 6104520000, 6104530000, 6104590000, 6204510011, 6204510019, 6204510090, 6204520010, 6204520090, 6204530010, 6204530090, 6204591010, 6204591090	289,000	*10,000*
28	Pieces	Knitted trousers	6103410000, 6103420000, 6103430000, 6103490010, 6103490091, 6104610000, 6104620000, 6104630000, 6104690010, 6104690091	286,000	*10,000*
29	Pieces	Women's suits	6204110000, 6204120010, 6204120090, 6204130000, 6204191000, 6204210000, 6204228010, 6204228090, 6204238000, 6204291800, 6211423100, 6211433100	120,000	*10,000*
31	Pieces	Bras	6212109000, 6212101000	293,000	*10,000*
36	Kgs	Artificial filament fabrics	5408100000, 5408210000, 5408221010, 5408221090, 5408229010, 5408229090, 5408230000, 5408240000, 5408310000, 5408320010, 5408320090, 5408330000, 5408340000, 5811000096, 5905007020	96,000	10,000
37	Kgs	Artificial staple fibre fabrics	5516110000, 5516120000, 5516130000, 5516140000, 5516210000, 5516220000, 5516231000, 5516239000, 5516240000, 5516310000, 5516320000, 5516330000, 5516340000, 5516410000, 5516420000, 5516430000, 5516440000, 5516910000, 5516920000, 5516930000, 5516940000, 5803009020, 5905007030	394,000	10,000
39	Kgs	Woven table linen	6302510010, 6302510090, 6302539000, 6302599090, 6302910010, 6302910090, 6302939000, 6302999090	51,000	10,000
59	Kgs	Carpets (not knotted)	5702100000, 5702311000, 5702318000, 5702321000, 5702329000, 5702390030,	466,000	10,000

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			5702411000, 5702419000, 5702421000, 5702429000, 5702490010, 5702501000, 5702503100, 5702503900, 5702509020, 5702910000, 5702921000, 5702929000, 5702990020, 5703100000, 5703201200, 5703201800, 5703209200, 5703209800, 5703301200, 5703301800, 5703308200, 5703308800, 5703902010, 5703902090, 5703908010, 5703908090, 5704100000, 5704900010, 5704900090, 5705003010, 5705003090, 5705008011, 5705008019, 5705008091, 5705008099		
61	Kgs	Narrow woven fabrics	5806100090, 5806200000, 5806310000, 5806321000, 5806329000, 5806390010, 5806390090, 5806400010, 5806400090	40,000	10,000
68	Kgs	Babies garments	6111209000, 6111309000, 6111901900, 6111909019, 6209200090, 6209300090, 6209901090, 6209909090	120,000	10,000
69	Pieces	Knitted slips & petticoats	6108110000, 6108190000	184,000	10,000
70	Pieces	Synthetic hosiery	6115109010, 6115210000, 6115301900, 6115969100	270,000	10,000
73	Pieces	Tracksuits	6112110000, 6112120000, 6112190000	149,000	10,000
74	Pieces	Womens knitted suits	6104130000, 6104192000, 6104199010, 6104199020, 6104220000, 6104230000, 6104291000, 6104299010	133,000	10,000
75	Pieces	Mens knitted suits	6103101000, 6103109000 , 6103220000, 6103230000, 6103290000	39,000	10,000
76	Kgs	Industrial or occupational clothing	6203221000, 6203231000, 6203291100, 6203321000, 6203331000, 6203391100, 6203421100, 6203425100, 6203431100, 6203433100, 6203491100, 6203493100, 6204221000, 6204231000, 6204291100, 6204321000, 6204331000, 6204391100, 6204621100, 6204625100, 6204631100, 6204633100, 6204691100, 6204693100, 6211321000, 6211331000, 6211421000, 6211431000	120,000	10,000
77	Kgs	Ski suits, not knitted or crocheted	6211200010	14,000	5,000
78	Kgs	Other garments, not knitted or crocheted	6203413000, 6203425900, 6203433900, 6203493900, 6204618500, 6204625910, 6204625990, 6204629010, 6204629090, 6204633910, 6204633990, 6204639010, 6204639090, 6204693910, 6204693990, 6204695010, 6204695090, 6210400000, 6210500000, 6211329000, 6211339000, 6211390010, 6211429000, 6211439000	184,000	5,000
83	Kgs	Other coats	6101201000, 6101301000, 6101902011, 6101902019, 6102101010, 6102101090, 6102201000, 6102301000, 6103310000, 6103320000, 6103330000, 6103390010, 6104310000, 6104320000, 6104330000, 6104390010, 6112200000, 6113009000,	54,000	10,000

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			6114200000, 6114300000, 6114900010		
87	Kgs	Gloves not knitted or crocheted	6209200010, 6209300010, 6209901010, 6209909010, 6216000000	8,000	8,000
109	Kgs	Tarpaulins, sails, awnings and sunblinds	6306120000, 6306190000, 6306300000	11,000	10,000
117	Kgs	Linen fabric	5309111000, 5309119000, 5309190000, 5309210000, 5309290000, 5311001000, 5803009090, 5905003000	52,000	10,000
118	Kgs	Table linen	6302291000, 6302392000, 6302591000, 6302599010, 6302991000, 6302999010	23,000	10,000
142	Kgs	Carpets of sisal, hemp or other fibres of the agave family	ex 5702 39 00 ex 5702 49 00 ex 5702 50 90 ex 5702 99 00 ex 5705 00 80	10,000	10,000
151 A	Kgs	Coir floor coverings	5702200000	10,000	10,000
151 B	Kgs	Carpets of jute or other bast fibres	5702390010, 5702490020, 5702509010, 5702990010	10,000	10,000
161	Kgs	Other garments, not knitted	6201190000, 6201990010, 6201990090, 6202190000, 6202990010, 6202990090, 6203199000, 6203299000, 6203399000, 6203499000, 6204199000, 6204299010, 6204299090, 6204399010, 6204399090, 6204499010, 6204499090, 6204599010, 6204599090, 6204699010, 6204699090, 6205901010, 6205901090, 6205908090, 6206901010, 6206901090, 6206909000, 6211200090, 6211390090, 6211490000	152,000	10,000

2. Goods of the product categories listed below cannot currently be imported. To request a quota category be opened or increased email: enquiries.ilb@bis.gsi.gov.uk

   10, 22, 23, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38A, 38B, 40, 41, 42, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 58, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 72, 84, 85, 86, 88, 90, 91, 93, 97, 99, 100, 101, 111, 112, 113, 114, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 130A, 130B, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 145, 146A, 146B, 146C, 149, 150, 153, 156, 157, 159, 160.

Import controls

3. EU import controls apply regardless of the country of consignment and no matter how the goods are ordered or shipped. EU import controls do not apply if the goods are already in free circulation in the EU or Turkey prior to their transfer to the UK. UK import controls also apply to goods within the EU.

4. For an EU control, you may apply to any EU competent licensing authority for an import licence. BIS Import Licensing is the UK competent licensing authority. A list of EU competent licensing authorities is available from enquiries.ilb@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

5. Imports under EU controls of a total value of £120 or less do not need an import licence.

6. Goods which are intended to be re-exported outside of the European Community and which are subject to Inward Processing Relief (suspension of duty) are exempt from these arrangements and may be imported without an import licence. Please note that this exemption does not apply to IPR Drawback or to imports of firearms and ammunition.

EU Quota utilisation

7. Information regarding the use of EU quotas is available at http://trade.ec.europa.eu/sigl

Applying for an import licences

8. You can apply for an import licence at www.ilb.bis.gov.uk. You may submit only one application per category and must not exceed the maximum amounts shown unless, when making your first 2014 application, you can prove with 2013 import licences, that you imported more than the maximum quantities for a given category during 2013, then you may apply for that amount.

9. Providing that quantities are still available, you may submit a further application for the same category provided you have used at least 50% of the amount already allocated to you and subject to the maximum quantities listed in the Table.

10. Applications received prior to 8 January 2014 will be held and submitted to the European Commission for approval at 9 am (G.M.T.) (10 am Brussels time) on 8 January 2014. Import licences cannot be issued without European Commission approval.

11. Import licences are valid for nine months from the date of issue but in no case later than 31 December 2014. A three month extension to the import licence validity may be granted if you can show that at least 50% of the import licence has been used at the time of the request. Extensions will not be granted beyond 31 March 2014.

12. You must provide upload evidence of a contract with your supplier for the relevant category with your application. You must also provide a written declaration that you are not already in receipt of an import licence issued under this regime for the same category.

Returning electronic import licences

13. If you are making an entry against an electronic licence and are not using the full balance but wish to use the remaining quantity at a later date then you must enter 'EP' for partial use in the Box 44 status field. When an electronic import licence is fully used, you must enter "EE" for exhausted in the Box 44 status field when the last Customs computer entry is made. Partially used licences that are no longer required should be surrendered by using 'ES' in the Box 44 status field when the last customs entry is made. Contact ILB to surrender an import licence outside of making an entry and it will be cancelled from CHIEF. If a consignment's entry into free circulation is delayed beyond the validity of the import licence the original licence may have to be surrendered and a new licence issued.

Enquiries

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