

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Export of Restrained Textiles to the USA  
Critical Dates around Year-end**

In reference to the notices issued by Trade and Industry Department, Series 1 (USA) No. 36/2004 and 37/2004 dated 21 October 2004, and No. 42/2004 dated 18 November 2004, we are pleased to remind our customers that they are required to observe the various deadlines in order to obtain valid export licences to cover shipments against 2004 quotas. Below is an additional reminder on certain critical dates around the year-end. Customers should refer to the above-mentioned notices for details of the relevant licensing arrangements.

**December 2004**

<i>Sun</i> (日)	<i>Mon</i> (一)	<i>Tue</i> (二)	<i>Wed</i> (三)	<i>Thur</i> (四)	<i>Fri</i> (五)	<i>Sat</i> (六)
19	20 Note 1 Note 2	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Note 3 Note 4	29	30	31	

**Notes :**


Note 1: Deadline of the following for Applications against **2004 Year-end Special Shipment Scheme (YESSS)**:

- (i) Exercise option and/or pooling for **over-subscribed categories**
- (ii) Submission of valid Form 8b or PN numbers for conditionally approved applications

Note 2: Please note that the EDI service for ELVIS will be terminated with effect from 1 January 2005. On 20 December 2004 ELVIS messages will be transmitted **automatically** to US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for all approved 2004 RTEs in which customers have not yet sent "Request to Send Visa" messages. For RTEs approved between 20 December 2004 to 31 December 2004, the sending of ELVIS messages to the US is **automatic** and customers are **not** required to send "Request To Send Visa". Please refer to Notice to Exporters: Series 1 (USA) No. 44/2004 dated 1 December 2004 for details.

Note 3: Deadline for submission of valid Form 8b or PN numbers for conditionally approved export licences (not applicable to applications against the 2004 YESSS)

Note 4: For licence applications subject to pre-issue consignment check, licence applicants should co-operate with officers of the Customs and Excise Department to speed up the inspection process. Applicants are reminded that if the requisite consignment check cannot be completed by 28 December 2004, the licence applications concerned may not be approved in time for shipment within 2004.

 Area in shade denotes Saturday afternoon, Sunday and public holidays. **No** licensing service will be provided by Trade and Industry Department.

Should you have any enquiries, please call our Customer Service Hotline at 2917 8888.