

## Restrained Textiles Export Licences & Related Services Arrangements from 2005 onwards

In reference to the Notice to Exporters issued by the Trade and Industry Department (TID) on 15 October 2004, customers are reminded that **all quantitative restrictions on textiles and clothing products among Members of the WTO (including Hong Kong) will come to an end by 1 January 2005.** As a result, special arrangements described below will be effected from 2005 onwards.

1. The electronic service for the application of Restrained Textiles Export Licences (RTEL) will be discontinued after 11:00 pm on 31 December 2004. From 1 January 2005 onwards, amendment or cancellation requests of RTELs will be made in paper mode through the TID.
2. The Quota Update and Tracking service will also be discontinued at the same time as RTEL.
3. Applications for export licences against 2004 quotas or valid free quota export authorisations must be sent in to the TID via Tradelink by 11:00 pm on 1 December 2004.
4. Approved export licence applications will be valid up to 31 December 2004.
5. Carrier Notification service will continue to be available until 31 March 2005.
6. The TID will announce details regarding the arrangement of Electronic Visa Copy service in 2005. Tradelink customers will be informed in due course. .

Please contact the TID at 2398 5288 if you have questions regarding the abolition of textiles quota. For enquiries related to Tradelink services, please contact our Customer Service Hotline at 2917 8888.



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