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<u>Sub: TBT notification issued by Costa Rica on textile and textile products</u>

Dear Member,

This has reference to TBT notification G/TBT/N/CRI/177 dated 9th July 2018, issued by the Ministry of Health Directorate for Protection of the Human Environment by Costa Rica which has issued regulation on registration and obligatory sanitation for textile and textile products. The products mentioned in this notification falls under the HS Codes- 6113, 6114 and 6210.

The brief of the regulation is given below:

This regulation establishes the sanitary requirements that the garments used must be packed in bulk, coming from abroad for their storage and marketed in Costa Rica. Likewise, it establishes the conditions of sanitization to which the national used garments must be submitted for commercialization.

Following requirements are stipulated for the garment importers:

- In order to be able to carry out imports through the Single Window system of Foreign Trade, any importer of used garments, must register with the Ministry of Health. The agency states that, the registration as importer of used garments will not expire.
- Prior to the entry of the product into Costa Rica, the importer must present a Declaration of Compliance. In case the garments come pre sanitized, the importer must attach a document issued by the

government of the country of origin, indicating the sanitation process to which the garments, or a Sworn Statement from the sender, stating that they comply with the sanitization requirements of this technical regulation.

- The marketers of said clothing, at the points of sale, must keep a record of the lots indicating the date and the company that provided the washing service, which will be available to the authorities of the Ministry of Health.
- Laundries that carry out the washing of used clothing shall carry a Log of the washing of the imported garments, indicating the Form number of Desalination Authorization (FAD) that has been indicated in the Single Window System of Foreign Trade.
- The garments, footwear, textiles and used accessories rejected by this regulation must be returned to the importer, who will be responsible for their final disposition.
- Used clothing imported or of domestic origin is allowed as a method of final disposal, co-processing, co-processing or shipping to a sanitary landfill.
- The importer must keep a log that records the returns indicated above, as well as the method of final disposal of such goods. The health authorities will verify periodically to check that the importer's records comply with the logs of the laundries and those in charge of carrying out the final provision. The documentation, the backup of the blog should be kept for a period of 4 years.

For more details please refer to the <u>notification</u> and <u>unofficial translation</u> <u>of regulation</u>

Kindly forward your comments or suggestions to the Council at info@texprocil.org latest by 10th August 2018.

Regards

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