

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES  
FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (CAFTA-DR)**

**Modifications to the rules of origin for certain apparel products under the CAFTA-DR will become effective on August 15, 2008. Interested parties are advised to take note and be prepared for the upcoming changes. Please refer to the Presidential Proclamation for complete modifications.**

Effective with respect to goods that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after August 15, 2008 as announced by the United States Trade Representative and published in the *Federal Register* on August 7, 2008 (*Federal Register Volume 73 pages 46057 and 46058*), the Agreement's rules of origin are modified in such ways as follows:

1. For most apparel goods containing a pocket or pockets, the **pocket bag fabric** must be formed and finished in the territory of one or more of the Parties to the Agreement from yarn wholly formed in the territory of one or more of the Parties to the Agreement in order for that apparel good to qualify as an originating good under the Agreement (“pocket fabric rule of origin modification”).
2. The following goods shall be considered originating goods under the Agreement regardless of the origin of the fibers, yarns, or fabrics used in the production of the component that determines the tariff classification of the good, provided that the good is cut or knit to shape, or both, and sewn or otherwise assembled in the territory of one or more of the Parties and satisfies all other *applicable* requirements of Chapter Four (Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures) of the Agreement:
  - Babies' Cotton Dresses (6209.20.10)
  - Certain Women's and Girls' Coats & Jackets (Cat. 335 and 6202.93.45 and 6211.41.0055)
  - Women's and Girls' MMF Suits (Cat. 644)
  - Men's Cotton Yarn Dyed Dress Shirts (Specifically Identified within Subheading 6205.20.20)
  - Men's MMF Yarn Dyed Dress Shirts (Specifically Identified within Subheading 6205.30.20)
  - Women's Wool Anoraks (6202.91.2011)
  - Men's Other Fiber Suit-Type Jackets Subject to Wool Restraints (6203.39.9020)
  - Women's and Girls' Ensembles (6204.23 and 6204.29)
  - Women's and Girls' Suit-Type Jackets and Blazers (6204.33.20 and 6204.39.80)
3. The duty applied by the United States to the following non-originating goods of specific subheadings shall be 0.5 percentage points lower than the MFN (general column 1) rate of duty, provided that the goods are cut or knit to shape, and sewn or otherwise assembled, in the territory of one or more of the Parties and that the goods meet certain conditions for originating goods. These conditions include the applicability of visible lining fabric, narrow elastic fabric, sewing thread and pocket bag fabric.
  - Women's Wool Overcoats (6202.11.00)
  - Men's Wool Suit Jackets (6203.31.90)
  - Men's MMF Suit Jackets (6203.33.10)

- Men's Wool Trousers (6203.41.18)
- Men's Cotton Trousers (6203.42.40)
- Men's MMF Trousers (6203.43.30)
- Women's Cotton Trousers (6204.62.40)

4. The duty applied by the United States to the following non-originating goods of specific subheadings shall be 2.0 percentage points lower than the MFN (general column 1) rate of duty, provided that the goods are cut or knit to shape, and sewn or otherwise assembled, in the territory of one or more of the Parties and that the goods meet certain conditions for originating goods. These conditions include the applicability of visible lining fabric, narrow elastic fabric, sewing thread and pocket bag fabric.

- Boy's MMF Suits (6203.12.2020)
- Men's MMF Trousers (6203.43.40)
- Women's MMF Trousers (6204.63.35)