



## **Customs @ Wylie**

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### **TEXTILES ORIGINATING FROM CHINA – BE WARNED**

We have recently been approached by a number of concerned client's who have had textiles from the Peoples Republic of China ("PRC") detained by Customs in terms of the International Trade Administration Act 71 of 2002, and the regulations issued thereunder.

In terms of the Act, textiles specifically mentioned in the regulations can only be imported from the PRC where the importer is in possession of a valid Special Import Permit Certificate ("SIPC") and has been allocated a quota by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ("ITAC").

Importers who had imported textiles from the PRC prior to June 2006, qualified as "past performers" and were automatically issued with an SIPC and granted a quota. Importers who



had not previously imported textiles from the PRC were invited to make application for an SIPC as "new entrants".

It appears that many small retailers and importers were either unaware of the legal requirements for the importation of clothing from the PRC or did not think that the provisions applied to them. Unfortunately, all clothing and textiles from the PRC, not for personal use, can now only be imported by an SIPC holder.

Many importers find themselves in the unfortunate position where their goods are detained and forfeited to the state, without any compensation and without recourse. Our advice to importers who are not possession of an SIPC is to ensure that the textiles they import do not fall within the ambit of the regulations or do not originate in the PRC.

If are unsure as to your position, you are welcome to contact us at [customs@wylie.co.za](mailto:customs@wylie.co.za).

## **THE LIGHTER SIDE**

I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.



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