New Marking Rules for Goods Made in Hong Kong

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

On August 11, 2020, as a result of Executive Order (EO) on Hong Kong Normalization, EO 13936, dated July 4, 2020, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice in the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) #43633412 to provide guidance on the new country of origin marking rules for goods produced in Hong Kong. This notice was also published in the Federal Register, 85 FRN 48551.

For goods produced in Hong Kong and entered on or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption into the United States on or after September 25, 2020, must be marked to indicate that their origin is “China” for purposes of 19 U.S.C. 1304 and in compliance with EO 13936.

19 U.S.C. 1304 provides for the marking of imported articles and containers “to be marked in a conspicuous place as legibly, indelibly, and permanently as the nature of the article will permit”. This is required so that the ultimate purchaser in the United States knows the country of origin of the good at the time of purchase.

This notice provides a transition period of 45 days to ensure that the trade can comply with the new marking rules. CBP will not take enforcement actions during the transition period.

Currently this notice is only a change in the marking of the goods. The notice does not mention any change in tariff applicability currently.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,

C.H. Robinson