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New China and Egypt Import Requirements



On April 1, 2012, Egypt issued two new ministerial decrees regarding textile and leather products. According to the decrees, imports of certain textile and leather products into Egypt are required to be accompanied by inspection certificates containing specified information and issued by internationally-accredited inspection companies. The decrees also specify the process by which the inspection certificates must be registered and authenticated prior to shipment of the goods to Egypt. Without a properly issued, registered and authenticated inspection certificate, products within the scope of the decrees are prohibited from entering the Egyptian market.

Similarly, the People's Republic of China has recently revised its standard for imports of down garments. The new standard came into effect on February 1, 2012, and specifies, among other things, the test methods, inspection rules, classification, and labeling requirements for a variety of garments composed of woven textile fabrics as the main fabric with down as their main filler.

If you are contemplating importing textile or leather goods (including footwear) into Egypt, or down-filled garments into China and would like more information about these countries' recently instituted import requirements, please contact Gail Cumins at gcumins@spcblaw.com or Donna Shira at dshira@spcblaw.com, or call us at 212-425-0055.

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