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TO : Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Hong Kong

On July 1, 1997, Hong Kong reverted to the People's Republic of China (PRC) from the UK. Although Hong Kong is now part of the PRC, it and its imports into the United States will continue to be treated as they always have been. Hong Kong will continue to be treated as a separate Customs entity.

The proper country of origin marking for goods produced in Hong Kong will continue to be 'Hong Kong' unless they are exempted from marking. Any marking that indicates British sovereignty over Hong Kong would not be acceptable for goods made after reversion to China.

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