



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2009/07

SPARTECA (TCF Provisions) Scheme – Change in requirement to the Minimum Local Area Content (MLAC)

The Minister for Trade has approved a reduction in the Minimum Local Area Content (MLAC) requirement for eligible textile, clothing and footwear goods from 35 to 25 per cent for the South Pacific and Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement Textiles Clothing and Footwear (SPARTECA (TCF Provisions)) Scheme. The reduction will come into effect on 23 February 2009.

Australian Customs Notices No. 2005/03, 2001/79 and 2001/01 are affected by this change in regard to the MLAC. All other requirements specified in those notices will still apply.

From 23 February 2009, when a manufacturer provides a declaration in relation to the goods claiming for duty-free entry into Australia under SPARTECA-TCF, the declaration should reflect this change in MLAC. A sample declaration which can be used for the SPARTECA (TCF Provisions) Scheme is attached (Attachment A).

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to origin@customs.gov.au or by telephone to Valuation and Origin Section, Trade Services Branch on (02) 6275 6556.

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SPARTECA (TCF Provisions) Scheme [TCF]

MANUFACTURED GOODS FROM A FORUM ISLAND COUNTRY

I declare that the goods listed at invoice line(s) _____ of invoice number _____ are Qualifying Goods in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the SPARTECA (TCF Provisions) Scheme, notably:

- (a) _____, (name of manufacturer) is registered with the Program Administrator to participate in the SPARTECA (TCF Provisions) Scheme; and
- (b) the last process in the manufacture of the goods described below was performed in _____ (name of Forum Island Country); and
- (c) a percentage of at least 25% and less than 50% of the total factory cost of the goods is represented by the sum of the allowable expenditure of the factory on materials, labour and overheads and the cost of inner containers of _____ (name of Forum Island Country) and Australia; and
- (d) Excess Local Area Content (ELAC) Points from the manufacturer's ELAC register have been applied to the goods in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the SPARTECA (TCF Provisions) Scheme; and
- (e) the ELAC ID* (or IDs) of the qualifying goods, with reference to the associated invoice line(s) is: _____

* ELAC ID must be in the following format: 3 alphabetic characters followed by 5 numeric characters.

Signature:

Name:

Position in manufacturing company:

Name of manufacturing company:

Date:
