

# DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS

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## ENTERPRISE & REGULATORY REFORM

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Notice to Importers 2754, issued on 17 October 2007 by Import Licensing Branch (ILB),  
Queensway House, West Precinct, Billingham TS23 2NF

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### **2008 IMPORTS OF CERTAIN CHINESE TEXTILES & CLOTHING - Double Control Surveillance Monitoring**

1. The current quota licensing arrangement with China as set out in Notice to Importers 2747 ends on 31 December 2007 and will not be renewed.
2. In order for an orderly transition from the current quota system to open trading, the European Commission and China have agreed to introduce a double control surveillance monitoring system for 8 textile categories (4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 26, 31 and 115, see Notice 2747 for descriptions) for goods shipped from China on or after 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2008. The competent licensing authorities of the European Union will issue import licences only against original and valid export licences that the Chinese authorities will continue to issue. However, as the quantitative limits have not been renewed there will be no upper limit.
3. A further Notice will be published towards the end of this year setting out the administrative arrangements to be put in place.

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