

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1323/2011 of 16 December  
2011 laying down rules for the management and distribution of textile quotas  
established for the year 2012 under Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94

*Article 4*

1 The competent national authorities listed in Annex II may, from 10 o'clock a.m. on 9 January 2012, notify the Commission of the amounts covered by requests for import authorisations.

The time fixed in the first subparagraph shall be understood as Brussels time.

2 The competent national authorities shall issue authorisations only after being notified by the Commission pursuant to Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 517/94 that quantities are available for importation.

They shall issue authorisations only if an operator:

- a proves the existence of a contract relating to the provision of the goods; and
- b certifies in writing that, in respect of the categories and countries concerned:
  - (i) the operator has not already been allocated an authorisation under this Regulation; or
  - (ii) the operator has been allocated an authorisation under this Regulation but has used up at least 50 percent of it.

3 Import authorisations shall be valid for 9 months from the date of issue, but until 31 December 2012 at the latest.

The competent national authorities may, however, at the importer's request, grant a three-month extension for authorisations which are at least 50 percent used up at the time of the request. Such extension shall in no circumstances expire later than 31 March 2013.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1323/2011, Article 4.