

5. **TAXIS:** Never ride in a cab with another person you do not know other than the driver of it. If another person enters your cab note the cab number and report it to the NPB. A taxi driver may be in the pay of unscrupulous shops to deliver you there. Shop signs may be designed to make you believe they are Navy contractors or to closely resemble the names of well known reputable shops. Check both name and address carefully. It may be claimed "this is a branch store" or "the shop has just moved". Take the cab number and report it to NPB.

6. **SUBSTITUTION OF MATERIALS**

MISLABELING OF MATERIALS: If you select an English flannel make certain you do not get Japanese flannel. Be wary of "cheap" cashmere. More "velour" has probably been sold as "cashmere" than cashmere itself. Cheap angora quite frequently turns out to be mohair and wool. The high quality gabardine you select may turn up in your suit as a cheap gabardine. It almost takes an expert to tell. If you shop at the Display Room, the experts have already the job for you.

7. **CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN:**

"You don't need one for this ivory (or wood carving)"

"You don't need one because this is made in Hong Kong"

"You don't need one because it is less than \$10.00 (or \$50-\$100)"

"You get a Hong Kong Government stamp on the receipt"

"I will write one out for you"

"You don't need one if you are going to Japan (or Guam or Philippines)"

These are all devices to make a sale--in which case you may lose the items when you return to the U.S. If you visit the Display Room you will receive all the advice and assistance you need regarding Certificate of Origin requirements.

8. **DOWN PAYMENTS:** A moderate down payment is frequently desirable to protect a tailor. Do not tie yourself up with excessive down payments. It weakens your position if you do not like the product.

9. **DELIVERY BY MAIL:** A promise to mail later may not be carried out. Try to schedule early fittings so that last minute alterations can be made before you leave port.

10. **COAT LININGS:** Tailors will suggest "full linings" for suit and sport coats. Tell them you want "half lining". Full linings are frequently a cover up for faulty workmanship beneath.

11. **BIG DEALERS:** There are instances when shipments may get price reductions on their own purchases, or even "gifts", for steering you to the shop of "my friend who gave me a good deal the last time". Needless to say, you pick up the tab--whether it be tailor, restaurant, bar or other business places.

12. **LOW PRICES:** In Hong Kong everyone can find something "cheaper". There are many excellent buys, but look carefully for quality. It may look the same, but most likely is not. At the Display Room itself items are checked by experts to assure you of the best "price versus quality".