

## Law Name : Labelling Criteria for Textiles

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### Law Content:

1.This Criteria is stipulated pursuant to Article 12 of the Commodity Labeling Act.

2.In these Criteria, the term "textiles" are defined as weaved, knit, bonded, knotted, felted, or any other non-weaving process products using yarns or threads made from natural or man-made fibers.

Its applicable categories are as follows:

- (1)Fabric: clothing fabrics, upholstery fabric.
- (2)Yarns and threads for crocheting, knitting, embroidery and sewing.
- (3)Bedsheets, bedspreads, pillow cases and quilt covers.
- (4)Quilts, blankets, blanket towels, sleeping bags, pillows.
- (5)Mattresses, cushions.
- (6)Carpets, mats.
- (7)Table clothes, napkins, placemats.
- (8)Sofa covers, chair covers.
- (9)Curtains, draperies
- (10)Towels, bath towels.

3.The label of the textiles shall include the following:

- (1)Commodities manufactured domestically, the name, address and service telephone number of the manufacturer, contractor or distributor shall be labeled. Imported commodities, the name, address and service telephone number of the importer or distributor and the foreign name of the foreign manufacturer or foreign contractor shall be labeled;
- (2)Place of origin;
- (3)The fiber or stuffing contents;
- (4)Size or measurements;
- (5)The care instructions;

(6) Business owners shall indicate on the textile products, internal or external packaging, or in the instruction manual that the item is suitable for use on children less than three years old. Where the item may affect the health of children and infants, a precautionary label shall be included.

#### 4. Fiber or stuffing contents of the textiles:

- (1) If the content of the fiber or stuffing exceeds 5%, the name and weight by percentage of the fiber or stuffing shall be stated on the label. Although the fiber or stuffing content is below 5% yet when it is sufficient to affect the care instructions, or when in order to show the features of the product, the name and weight percentage of the fiber or stuffing shall still be stated on the label.
- (2) The composition name of the fiber or stuffing shall be written primarily in Chinese, and if necessary, the English name or its abbreviation shall be used. The central competent authority may issue public notice of example table of the composition name of the fiber or stuffing.
- (3) The acceptable margin of error for percentage by weight of fiber or stuffing composition is  $\pm 3\%$ , but where 100% is indicated, no margin of error is acceptable.
- (4) Where the fiber contents of the textiles are wool and the weight by percentage is greater than 95%, the word "pure" can be used on the label.
- (5) When the stuffing content is "down", its weight percentage may not be labeled as "100%" or the word "pure". Its actual weight percentage shall be higher or equivalent to the labeled weight percentage.
- (6) When the fiber composition is recycled wool, recycled silk or recycled down, the wording of "recycled wool", "recycled silk" or "recycled down" and its weight percentage shall be labeled.
- (7) The composition name and weight by percentage of outer materials, lining, padding and stuffing of textile products shall be separately indicated.
- (8) Where textile products are in sets or groups but may be sold as individual items, the composition names and percentage by weight shall be indicated on each individual item regardless of whether the items are made from different materials or sold separately.
- (9) Accessories (e.g. ribbons, laces, sequins, tags., etc) shall not require labeling; decorations (e.g. embroideries, applique, etc.) where they covers less than 15% of the item's surface area or less than 5% of the weight, shall not require labeling.

#### 5. Care instruction of the textiles:

- (1) The care instruction label (washing label) shall base on the following items, and may be supplemented with necessary wording to explain if necessary. The care instruction label of washing label shall be publicly announced by the central competent authority.
  - (a) Washing.
  - (b) Bleaching.
  - (c) Drying.
  - (d) Ironing and pressing.
  - (e) Professional maintenance of textile product.
- (2) The textile that requires no need of washing or ironing, shall not necessary to label the care instructions. Its applicable categories are as follows:
  - (a) Disposable textile products.
  - (b) Tag cloths, tapestries, tents, vehicle covers, cleaning rag.

(c)Mattresses, laundry bags, bath scrubs, mosquito nets, bath towels (e.g. nylon bath towels, etc.).

6.Labeling methods for the textiles are as the following:

- (1)The labeling requirements of Article 3 (1), (4) and (6) shall be provided on the body of the commodity, internal or external packages, or the instruction.
- (2)The labeling requirements of Article 3 (2), (3) and (5) shall be provided with tags which are not damaged and do not fade after wash, to be sewed, stamped, thermoprinted or printed on a conspicuous part of the commodity. The following items may, however, be otherwise labeled in other obvious method including attachment, referring to brochure or simply hanging-on.
  - (a)yarns and threads for corcheting, knitting, embroidery and sewing.
  - (b)overly small items where the aesthetics may be affected.
  - (c)Imported textile products that already has the labels of the exporting country.
  - (d)fabric rolls.
  - (e)textile products that requires no need of washing or ironing.
- (3)When the textile is packaged commodity, the labeling requirements of Article 3 (2),(3) and (5) shall be indicated on its outer wrapper.
- (4)Where the dealer is not selling the entire roll of fabric or upholstery material, the information that is required by Article 3 shall be provided to the consumer to consult.

7.The Criteria shall take effect on May 18, 2023.