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## Labelling Requirements for Textile Products

### Introduction

Anyone selling textile products in the course of a trade or business must give an indication of the fibre content by marking or labelling the products or, where the products are supplied or offered for supply in packaging, by marking or labelling the packaging. This is required by the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986. In addition, the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 make it a criminal offence for a trader to engage in unfair commercial practices, including any practice likely to mislead consumers. The misleading element could be in the form of an actual action or description, or in the omission of facts about goods.

### ***How should the indication be given?***

If the product is made from one type of fibre, for example wool, acceptable forms of indication would include wool, all wool, 100% wool or pure wool.

Where two or more fibres have been used, indicating (in descending order of proportion by weight) each fibre's name and percentage by weight would satisfy the requirements of the Regulations. It is, however, not always necessary to detail every fibre, and the Trading Standards Service will be happy to advise on specific items or products.

### ***Must labels on finished garments be permanent?***

There is no requirement for a label indicating fibre content to be permanent; the basic requirement is that the indication shall be clear and legible and in uniform lettering.

For example, a simple paper label, attached to the product in some way and with the information handwritten is just as acceptable as a sewn in label with printed or woven information.

### ***What about advertisements?***

Where goods may be bought in direct response to an advertisement, e.g. by mail order, then the fibre content of each textile product must be indicated in the advertisement.

### ***Do all textile products have to be marked or labelled?***

Garments and household linen should all be marked or labelled, but there are a number of items which are exempt (including tea cosies, felt hats, toys and oven gloves). Please ask the Trading Standards Service for further guidance in relation to specific items.

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