

Textile and Clothing Labelling Requirements World-wide

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EU-28								
	European Union	V	V	V	C		V	Eco-label /Existing EN standards can be agreed upon by contract partners.
1	Austria	V	C (P)	V	C	German	V	Eco labels, flammability labelling
2	Belgium	V	V	V	C	French/Dutch/ German	-	Further requirements for specific products should be obtained from the importer. National law on health care & consumer protection: - Burning behaviour of children's nightwear NBN EN 14878:2007 - Cords and drawstrings on children's clothing NBN EN 14682
3	Bulgaria	C	C	V	C	Bulgarian	-	Labels must contain the following information: quality, quantity, ingredients, certification authorization number (if any), and manner of storage, transport, use or maintenance. Name of manufacturer or importer.
4	Cyprus	V	V	V	C	Greek	-	
5	Czech Republic	V	C	C	C	Czech	C	Name of the producer/supplier
6	Denmark	V	V	V	C	Danish	-	
7	Estonia	C	C	C	C	Estonian	C	The following information is also required on the retail packaging, or otherwise marked on the product (a sticker, label, etc.): - Name of product (indicating clearly the contents of the package) - Name of the manufacturer or the name of the company that had the product manufactured - Amount of contents (weight or volume of the contents to be specified, measures in metric system)
8	Finland	V	C	V	C	Finish/ Swedish	C	Name of manufacturer/importer. Retail packaging must include the following information: name of the product indicating clearly the contents of the package, name of the manufacturer or the company for whom the item was manufactured, and the weight or volume of the contents in metric units.
9	France	V*	V	V	C	French	C	Although most labeling regulations are sector related, generally all goods must be labeled to show the name of the product, important qualifiers such as "made by hand" on leather products, a list of all components, name and address of manufacturer or vendor, usage instructions, any required dates (i.e., date the product was made, "use by" date, etc.), price—including all taxes (applicable to all prepackaged goods, except those sold by mail order), brand name or trademark, and specifications that tell the consumer of any particular limitations or sales conditions for the product. (* The country of origin of products must be included only in cases where provided information might be misleading regarding the real country where the product was manufactured. A so-called corrective mark of origin is required on all imported foreign products that bear marks, names, signs, or indications of any sort that might lead to the belief that the products originate in France or in a country other than their real country of origin.
10	Germany	V	V	V	C	German	C	The German law (§ 6 Abs. 1 Nr. 2 ProdSG) sets an obligation to label with the producer's name and postal address. The producer's address shall be affixed to the consumer product or, where this is not possible, to its packaging. Exemptions from the obligations pursuant are admissible if it can be justified to omit this information, in particular as it is already known to the user or because it would involve disproportionate costs to affix it.
11	Greece	V	V	V	C	Greek	C	Name of manufacturer and registered trademark
12	Hungary	V	C	V	C	Hungarian	C	Name of the product/producer/importer. There is no labelling for clothing flammability. There is a regulation in this respect for textiles used in building industry, mainly for floor covering. Standards used for testing floor covering are: MSZ EN 9239-1 and MSZ EN ISO 11925-2.
13	Ireland	V	V	V	C	Irish or English	-	Requirements for specific products should be obtained from the Irish importer. The import, export, or transit of non-Irish goods, having markings which would lead one to believe that the goods are of Irish manufacture or origin, are prohibited.
14	Italy	C*	C	V	C	Italian	C	* Legislation on "Made in" approved but not yet implemented as need to wait for the results of the consultation between the EU Commission and Italian authorities. The label must include the registered trademark or style of the producer, manufacturer, importer, or retailer and names of fibers used with percentage of composition listed in decreasing order.
15	Latvia	V	C	C?	C	Latvian	V	Name & address of the producer
16	Lithuania	V	C	C	C	Lithuanian	C	Name & address of the importer/producer
17	Luxembourg	V	V	V	C	French or German	-	
18	Malta	V	V	V	C	English or Maltese	-	
19	Netherlands	V	V	V	C	Dutch	C	Flammability for children
20	Poland	V	V	C	C	Polish	C	Name & address of producer or distributor - full name of the product, and for metric product also indication for end use - type of finish, where this confers specific performance features on the product Trade names, trademarks, commercial names, etc., are exempt from the language requirement.
21	Portugal	V	V	V	C	Portuguese	C	Name of the importer
22	Romania	V	C	V?	C	Romanian or English	-	Name of the product, Name of producer or mark Address of producer/ importer Important characteristics
23	Slovak Republic	V	C	V	C	Slovak	C	Name of the produce & importer
24	Slovenia	V	V	V	C	Slovene	-	Cords and drawstrings regulation on children's clothing
25	Spain	C(P) *	V	V	C	Spanish	C	(* The label must include, with easily readable, unified characters: • Name and address of manufacturer, importer or trader • The importer's taxpayer identification number + industrial registration number • Country of origin, though it is not compulsory for goods originating in countries signatories of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
26	Sweden	V*	V	V	C	(at least in) Swedish	-	(* There is no general requirement in Sweden that imports be labeled as to the country of origin. However, goods carrying incorrect designations of origin are prohibited, and a product made to appear as though it had been produced or manufactured in Sweden may not be imported unless its foreign origin is clearly, conspicuously, and durably labeled thereon. This applies to all imported goods bearing the name of a place, property, industrial establishment, or tradesman in Sweden, or exhibiting any indication, word, or words in the Swedish language to describe the nature of the goods. Labeling in this case may consist only of the word "imported."
27	United Kingdom	V	V	V	C	English	C	Flammability for children Cords and drawstrings regulation on children's clothing
28	Croatia	C	C	C	C	Croatian	C	Name of the product, full address of the importer, net quantity/weight/volume, manner of storage and pertinent consumer warnings
								Name & address of the producer/distributor
Candidate countries								
29	FYR Macedonia	C	C	C	C	Macedonian		
30	Turkey	C	C	C	C	Turkish		
Other Western, C./E. Europe/CIS								
31	Albania				C*			*Based on EU regulation
32	Armenia	C	V	V	V	Armenian	C	Name of the producer
33	Azerbaijan	C?	C?	C?	C?		-	Like in Russia as member of the CIS ???
34	Belarus	C*	C	C	C	Belarus/ Russian ?	-	* On the goods or their packaging
35	Bosnia and Herzegovina	C	V	V	C	Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian	C	name of the product, full address of the importer, net quantity/weight/volume, ingredients, manner of storage (transport, use, or maintenance), and pertinent consumer warnings
36	Faeroe Islands	V	V	V	C	Danish	-	
37	Georgia	C?	C?	C?	C?		-	Like in Russia as member of the CIS ???
38	Gibraltar - UK	V	V	V	C	English	C	Flammability for children
39	Greenland	V	V	V	C	Danish	-	
40	Iceland	V	V	V	C?	?	-	

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	Origin	Care	Size	Fibre composition	Compulsory Language			
41	Kazakhstan	C	C	V	C	Kazakh and Russian	C	Description of the product and producer name
42	Kyrgyz Republic	C ?	C ?	C ?	C ?		-	Like in Russia as member of the CIS ???
43	Moldova	C	C ?	C	C ?	Romanian	C	product and brand name; name and contact information of the producer; exporter and/or importer; date of production
44	Norway	C	C	V	C	Norwegian	-	
45	Russian Federation	C	C	C	C	Russian	C	name of the product (e.g. "skirt", "dress", etc.); model of the product; name and address of the producer or of the distributor; the Gosstandard logo of conformity; code of recommended age (for children's clothing)
46	Serbia and Montenegro	V	C	C	C	Serbian		
47	Switzerland	V	V	V	V	one National language(*)	C	(*) One national language: German, French or Italian. Flammability: Same restrictions as EU-27 except "Surface Flash" (specific for Switzerland)
48	Tajikistan	C	C ?	C ?	C ?	Russian and Tajik	-	Like in Russia as member of the CIS ???
49	Turkmenistan	C ?	C ?	C ?	C ?		-	Like in Russia as member of the CIS ???
50	Ukraine	C	C	C	C	Ukrainian/ Russian	-	
51	Uzbekistan	C	V	C	V	Uzbek and Russian	C	Description of the product (model, reference number)
North America								
52	Bermuda							
53	Canada	C*	V	V	C	English and French	C V	C= Trader identification. Additional information can be provided. V= Eco-labels * =The words "made in the EC" are not allowed. There should be the name of one country.
54	Saint Pierre and Miquelon- France	V	V	V	C	French	-	
55	United States	C*	C	V	C	English	-	Indication of process operations if the product is not wholly obtained in the US; Special requirements for Clothing Articles containing Fur- indicate name of the species used. * =The words "made in the EC" are not allowed. There should be the name of one country.
							V	Eco-labels
Latin America								
56	Antigua and Barbuda	C	C	C	C	English	C	the labeling and marking requirements are set out in their standards regulations. Contact Tel: 268/562-4011
57	Argentina	C (P)	C (P)	C (P)	C (P)	Spanish	C (P)	name or registered brand and tax identification of the domestic producer or importer (more info can be provided)
58	Aruba							
59	Bahamas	C	C	C	C	English	C	Name and address of the manufacter
60	Barbados	C	C	C	C	English	C	Name and address of the manufacturer
61	Belize	C	C	C	C	English	C	product name, description, manufacturer's name and address, net weight/volume, composition
62	Bolivia							
63	Brazil	C	C	C	C	Portuguese	C	Name and address, or registered brand and tax identification of the domestic producer or importer
							V	Eco-labels
64	British Virgin Islands - UK	V	V	V	C	English	C	Flammability for children
65	Cayman Islands							
66	Chile	C	V	C	C	Spanish	-	
67	Colombia	C	C	C	C	Spanish	C	Name of the producer and importer (Resolution 1264)
							V	Eco-label
68	Costa Rica	C	C	C	C	Spanish	C	Name and address of the importer + identification number
69	Cuba	C	C	C	C	Spanish	C	Name and address of the manufacturer
70	Dominica	C	C	C	C		V	Name and address of the manufacturer
71	Dominican Republic	C	C	V	C	Spanish	C	industrial and health registration
72	Ecuador	C	C*1	C*2	C	Spanish	C	Business name of the manufacturer or importer
								*1 according to Annex A of NTE INEN 875
								*2 according to NTE INEN 257, NET INEN 1 873 and NTE INEN 1 874
73	El Salvador	C	C (for apparel only)	C (for apparel only)	C	Spanish	C	ID number (NIT-Numero de Identificacion Tributaria or Registro del Contribuyente I.V.A.) of the manufacturer or the importer
							C	Commercial mark or brand name (for apparel and apparel accessories only)
74	Falkland Islands - UK	V	V	V	C	English	C	Flammability for children
75	French Guiana - France	C	C	V	C	French	-	Name and address of the manufacturer
76	Grenada							
77	Guadeloupe - France	V	V	V	C	French	C	Name and address of the manufacturer
78	Guatemala	C*	V	V	C	Spanish	*	If the country of origin is not specifically labeled on incoming goods, customs authorities are authorized to accept visible indications on the inside or the outside wrappings or straps or any other objective evidence at their discretion as proof of origin.
79	Guyana	C	C	C	C	English	C for apparel C for textiles	name and address of the manufacturer or trade mark or brand name registered with the competent authority; and quality designation, "irregular" where applicable
								name and address of the manufacturer; any finishing treatments; and quality designation "irregular" where applicable
80	Haiti	C	C	C	C	Creole / French	C	Name and address of the manufacturer
81	Honduras	V	V	V ?	C	Spanish	C	name of the product; name of the manufacturer; sales price
82	Jamaica	C	V	V	C	English	C	proper name of the product; date mark; name and traceable business address of the processor, manufacturer, packer, importer or distributor
83	Martinique - France	V	V	V	C	French	-	
84	Mexico	C	C	C	C	Spanish	C	Commercial brand name
							C	Manufacturer's or importer's name and address
85	Montserrat - UK	V	V	V	C	English	C	Flammability for childrens articles
86	Netherlands Antilles							
87	Nicaragua	C	V	V	C	Spanish	C	price and prodction date
88	Panama					Spanish	C	name and address of manufacturer
								In general, products which comply with U.S. labeling and marking requirements are accepted for sale in Panama.
89	Paraguay	C (P)	C (P)	C (P)	C (P)	Spanish	C (P)	name or registered brand and tax identification of the domestic producer or importer (more info can be provided)
90	Peru	C	V	V	C	Spanish	C	name of product, registration number of the product, date of fabrication, name and address of the importer or distributor in Peru that corresponds with their Registro Unico de Contribuyente, name of the manufacturer
91	Saint Kitts and Nevis							
92	Saint Lucia	C	C	C	C	Creole or French / English	C	Name and address of the manufacturer
93	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines							
94	Suriname	C	C	C	C	English	C	Name and address of the manufacturer
95	Trinidad and Tobago	C	C	C	C	English	C	Name/address of the manufacturer or retailer or importer
							C	Width of textile in cm and inches
							C	Any finishing treatments
							C	Quality designation where applicable
							C	Tread count for fabric sold as bedding
							C	Flame resistant textiles shall be clearly and prominently labeled with precautionary care and treatment instructions to protect them from any harmful agent or treatment that may cause deterioration of the flame resistance.
96	Uruquav	C (P)	C (P)	C (P)	C (P)	Spanish	C (P)	name or registered brand and tax identification of the domestic producer or importer (more info can be provided)

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97	Venezuela	C	C	C	C	Spanish	C	name, type of business of the manufacturer or importer; brand name, logo/commercial mark; the number of the register of fiscal information record (RIF) of the importer; the assigned inscription number of record from the Autonomous National Service for Standardization, Quality, Metrology and Technical Regulations
								Pantyhose, stockings and socks are exempt from the labelling requirements, but the manufacturer must have written authorization from SENCAMER.
Africa								
98	Algeria	C	C	V	C	Arabic	-	
99	Angola	V	V	V	V	Portuguese / English / or French	-	
100	Benin	C	C	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
101	Botswana	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
102	Burkina Faso	C	C	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
103	Burundi							
104	Cameroon	C	V	V	C	French and English	C	
105	Cape Verde							name and address of the manufacturer, product name, weight (metric system); "for sale in Cameroon" phrase for fancy print cotton
106	Central African Republic							Africa prints and jute bags
107	Chad							
108	Comoros							
109	Congo							
110	Congo, Dem. Rep. of	C	V	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
111	Côte d'Ivoire	C	V	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
112	Djibouti	C	V	V	C	French/ Arabic	C	Name of the manufacturer
113	Egypt	C	C	C	C	Arabic	C	name of the producer company or factory and its trademark (if any)
114	Equatorial Guinea	C	C	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
115	Eritrea							
116	Ethiopia	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
117	Gabon	C	V	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
118	Gambia	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
119	Ghana	C	V	V	C	English	C	Product name + Name of the manufacturer
120	Guinea							Name of the manufacturer
121	Guinea-Bissau	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
122	Kenya	C	C	C	C	English ?	C	Manufacturers name or trademark, Name of the article & respect of special standards relevant to particular article (e.g. shirts, trousers, suits, etc)
123	Lesotho	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
124	Liberia	C	C	V	C		C	
125	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	V	V	V	V	Arabic ?	-	Name of the manufacturer
126	Madagascar	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
127	Malawi	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
128	Mali	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
129	Mauritania							
130	Mauritius							
131	Morocco	C	C	C	C	Arabic and French	V	manufacturer and importer information
132	Mozambique							
133	Namibia	C	V	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
134	Niger							
135	Nigeria	C	C	V	C?		C	name of product, date of manufacture, batch or lot number, standards to which they were produced
136	Reunion - France	V	V	V	C	French	-	
137	Rwanda	C	C	V	C	French	V	Name of the manufacturer
138	Sao Tome and Principe							
139	Senegal	C	V?	V?	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
140	Seychelles							
141	Sierra Leone	C	C	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
142	Somalia	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
143	South Africa	C	C	V	C	English	C	textile goods containing sheep's wool, whether in the piece or made up, are subject to special labelling regulations. Products containing at least 35 percent wool must be labelled to show the percentage of wool content.
144	Sudan	C	V	V	C	Arabic/ English	C	Name of the manufacturer
145	Swaziland	C	V	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer
146	Tanzania							
147	Togo	C	V	V	C	French	C	Name of the manufacturer
148	Tunisia	V	V	V	C	Arabic & French or English	C	Name of the manufacturer
149	Uganda		C		C	English?	C	additional labelling requirements for imports of used clothing
150	Zambia	C	C	V	C	English	C	Name of the manufacturer
151	Zimbabwe	C	C	V	C	English	C	Name of the manufacturer
Middle East								
152	Bahrain	C	C	C	C	Arabic / English	-	
153	Iran, Islamic Rep. of							
154	Iraq	C	C	V	C	Arabic/ English	C	Name of the manufacturer
155	Israel	C	C	C	C	Hebrew / English	C	name, address, telephone number of importer
156	Jordan	C	C	V	C	Arabic	C	Name of the manufacturer
157	Kuwait	C	V	V	V	Arabic or Arabic and English	-	
158	Lebanon	C	C	V	C	Arabic or French or English	C	Date of manufacturing + Name of the manufacturer
159	Oman	C	C	C	C	Arabic	-	Special labelling requirements for pre-packed goods
160	Qatar	C	C	C	C	Arabic	C	Name of the manufacturer
161	Saudi Arabia	C(P)	C	C	C	Arabic	C	Carpet manufacturers and suppliers must indicate in Arabic the thickness or weight of each square meter, type (nylon, wool, acrylic, polypropylene, etc.), pile weight, and country of origin, to be applied on every 5 meters along the carpet roll length. All carpet manufacturers, suppliers and distributors have to show the captioned data on the sales invoice.
162	Syrian Arab Republic	C	V?	V?	C?	?	C	name of producer/exporter, date of manufacturing
163	United Arab Emirates	C	V	C	V	Arabic or Arabic and English	-	
164	Yemen	C	V	V	C	Arabic	C	Name of the manufacturer

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	Asia								
165	Afghanistan	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer	
166	American Samoa								
167	Australia	C*	C	V	C	English	C	Flammability labelling for nightwear and limited daywear for children; special marking requirements for wool. * =The words "made in the EC" are not allowed. There should be the name of one country. <i>More information can be provided</i>	
168	Bangladesh	C	C	V	C	English / Bangla	-	C - quantity, weight, measurements, trade description, component materials and date of manufacture/expiry + Name of the manufacturer	
169	Bhutan								
170	Brunei Darussalam								
171	Cambodia	C	C	V	C	English	C	Name of the manufacturer	
172	China	C	C (P)	C (P)	C (P)	Chinese	C	* name and address of the manufacturer * name of the product (in accordance with Chinese standard) * cleaning instructions (compulsory use of symbols defined by GB/T 8685-2008) * N° of standard (more info see GB5296.4)	
173	Cook Islands - <u>USA</u>	C	C	V	C	English	-		
174	Fiji	C	C (for apparel only)	V	C (for apparel only)	n.a.	C	manufacturer	
175	French Polynesia - <u>France</u>	V	V	V	C	French	-		
176	Guam							Name of the manufacturer	
177	Hong Kong, China	V	V	V	V	Chinese/ English	V	Name of the manufacturer + Eco - labels (V)	
178	India	C	V	C	C	English	C	India requests also information on Fabric Composition to be included in the Fabric Selvedge for Wollen and Cotton Fabrics. The issue is under discussion in the FTA negotiations. All prepackaged goods imported into India must bear the following labeling declarations: a. Name and address of the importer b. Generic or common name of the commodity packed c. Net quantity in terms of standard unit of weights and measures. If the net quantity in the imported package is given in any other unit, its equivalent in terms of standard units shall be declared by the importer. More info on Size Labeling can be provided. d. Month and year of packing in which the commodity is manufactured or packed or imported and e. Maximum retail sales price (MRP) at which the commodity in packaged form may be sold to the ultimate consumer. This price shall include all taxes local or otherwise, freight transport charges, commission payable to dealers, and all charges towards advertising, delivery, packing, forwarding and the like, as the case may be	
179	Indonesia	C	C	V	V	Indonesian	C	importer identification; name and address of the manufacturer; <i>more info can be provided</i>	
							V	Ecolabel - certification required	
180	Japan	V*	C	V	C	Japanese	C	*Origin labelling is voluntary. However, it is most common to indicate the country of origin. Moreover, the term of misleading information is interpreted very strictly. Other requirements: Name and address of manufacturer/supplier or officially registered number with METI. Indication of water repellency required for topcoats, overcoats, raincoats and similar articles. Indication of flammability characteristics for pile rugs, curtains and knitted and lace cloth. More info on textile labelling requirements in Japan can be provided.	
181	Kiribati	C	C	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer	
182	Korea, Dem. People's Rep. of								
183	Korea, Republic of	C	C	C	C	Korean, Chinese or English	C	treatment processes such as waterproofing and dirt resistance	
							C	Date of manufacturing	
							C	name, brand and address or telephone number of manufacturer	
								KC Mark is mandatory	
184	Lao People's Dem. Rep.								
185	<u>Macao, China</u>	V ?	V ?	V ?	V ?	Chinese	-	Like Hong Kong ??	
186	Malaysia	V	V	V	V	Bahasa Malay or English	C	identification of the importing agent	
187	Maldives	C	C	V	C	English	C	Name of the manufacturer	
188	Marshall Islands - <u>USA</u>	C	C	V	C	English	-		
189	Micronesia								
190	Mongolia	C	V	V	C		C	Name of the manufacturer	
191	Myanmar								
192	Nauru								
193	Nepal	C	V	V	C	?		Name of the manufacturer	
194	<u>New Caledonia - France</u>	V	V	V	C	French	-		
195	<u>New Zealand</u>	C	C	V	C	English	C	Flammability for children	
							C	Dimensions by length and width in metrics must be shown on the labels for blankets, sheets and wrapping materials <i>more info can be provided</i>	
196	Niue								
197	Pacific Islands								
198	Pakistan	C	V	V	V	English / Urdu	C	Name of the manufacturer	
199	Papua New Guinea								
200	Philippines	C	C	V	C	English or Filipino	C	registered trade or brand name; duly registered trademark; duly registered business name; address of the manufacturer, importer or repacker; information if the product is manufactured, refilled or repacked under license from a principal The following additional information may also be required by the responsible government agency: 1. Whether the product is flammable or inflammable; 2. Directions for use, if necessary; 3. Warning of toxicity; 4. Process of manufacture used, if necessary.	
201	Samoa	C	C	C	C		C	Name of the manufacturer	
202	Singapore	V	V	V	V	English	-		
203	Solomon Islands								
204	Sri Lanka	C	C ?	C	C ?	Sri Lankan ?	-		
205	Taipei, Chinese	C	C	C	C	Chinese	-		
206	Thailand	C	C	C	C	Thai	-		
207	Taiwan	C	C	C	C	Chinese	C	name, address and phone number of importers; the uniform business code of the local manufacturer of the importers	
208	Tonga	C	C	C	C		C	Name of the manufacturer	
209	Tuvalu	C	C	C	C		C	Name of the manufacturer	
210	Vanuatu	C	C	C	C		C	Name of the manufacturer	
211	Viet Nam	C	C	V	C	Vietnamese	-	name of goods; name and address of the organization or individual responsible for the goods; date of manufacture;	

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