

EUROPE-TEXTILE



Criteria for EU Ecolabelling of Textiles Amended

On 25 July 2017, the European Commission issued Decision 2017/1392 (the 2017 Decision) amending Decision 2014/350/EU (the 2014 Decision), establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel to textile products.

The main amended content:

1. The definition about Textile fibers, yarn, fabric and knitted panels/ Non-fiber elements/ Cleaning products, so as to include intermediate textile products which can benefit from the Ecolabel.
2. The validity of the Ecolabel requirements for textile products is now extended to 78 months.
3. The restrictions about the use of water, dirt and stain repellents
4. Bring detergents into the scope of the restriction.
5. The standards for colour fastness of textiles.
6. Others

More information in the following [link](#).

CHINA - TEXTILE

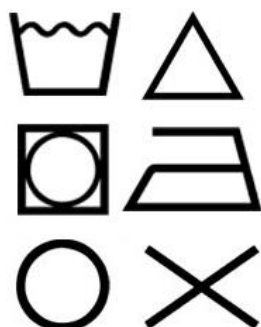
New and revised product standards for textile products

The following new and revised textile product standards have been recently published by the China National Standardization Technical Committees for Apparel:

- Updated Product Standard – GB/T 2660-2017 <Shirts and Blouses>
- New Product Standard – GB/T 33271-2016 <Woven Garments for Infants>

Updated Product Standard – GB/T 22700-2016 <Washed Garments>

CHINA AND INDIA- TEXTILE



GINETEX - Care Labelling Symbols for textile products registered in China and India

The International Association for Textile Care Labelling (GINETEX) provides pictograms for care instructions labelling of textile products in order to facilitate better communication to final consumer.

Thanks to the cooperation of this Association with the International Standards Organization (ISO), ISO was allowed to use these care labelling symbols (ISO 3758:2012 standards- "Textiles. Care labelling code using symbols").

In its aim of promoting the use of harmonized care symbols for textile products at a global level, GINETEX has now registered these textile care pictograms (owned by GINETEX as international trademark) in China and India.

TURKEY - TEXTILE

Footwear Import Controls

Turkey Ministry of Economy Product Safety and Surveillance Audit Department has announced Footwear Import Controls to be performed at Customs before customs clearance of goods from this summer.

In addition to the phthalate content of the footwear products, testing will be conducted to determine the content of DOT (Dioctyltin) and Cr VI (Chromium VI).

According to the announcement, footwear products shall be subjected to control for below restrictions during the customs stage.

- Cr VI (Chromium VI): Accessible leather parts, less than 3 mg/kg.
- DOT (Dioctyltin): Components of footwear except metals intended to come into contact with skin , less than 0.1%.
- Phthalates (BBP, DBP, DEHP, DIDP, DINP, DNOP): less than 0.1% in total.

FRANCE- CONSUMER PRODUCTS



Combustible Air Fresheners – French Decree 2017-946

France has published Notice concerning the application of Decree No. 2017-946 of 10 May 2017 on the labelling of combustible air fresheners on safety information for the user.

This is the publication of the reference of the standard, “NF EN 16740 (2015) - Emission safety of combustible air fresheners - User safety information”, in application of this Decree.

Text can be found [here](#) (in French).

US- CONSUMER PRODUCTS

California Proposition 65 lists Penta-BDE mixture

On July 2017, OEHHA (Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment) announced the decision of including Penta-BDE mixture, a technical mixture of flame retardants, in the list of chemicals under California Proposition 65 (chemicals known to cause cancer).

Penta-BDE, also regulated in many other US States (Maine, New York, Washington, etc...), is a flame retardant chemical used, within others, in padding, foam materials, furniture, as well as electrical and electronic equipment (including electrical toys).

The provision for clear and reasonable warnings will apply from July 7, 2018.

For more information visit the OEHHA website [here](#).

US – CONSUMER PRODUCTS



Maine prohibits all flame retardants in residential upholstered furniture

On August 2nd 2017, The Maine legislature passed a measure LD182 which bans all flame retardants' use in upholstered furniture. The new measure is an act to protect firefighters by establishing a prohibition on the sale and distribution of new upholstered furniture containing certain flame-retardant chemicals.

- Effective from January 1, 2019, residential upholstered furniture containing over 0.1% of a flame retardant chemical, or containing over 0.1% of a mixture that includes them is prohibited (sell, offer for sale or distribute for promotional purpose)
- Exemptions are as follows:
 - Used upholstered furniture
 - Upholstered furniture purchased for public use in public facilities
 - New upholstered furniture imported into the State or otherwise purchased or acquired by the retailer or wholesaler for sale or distribution in the State prior to January 1, 2019.

Click [here](#) for the details.

US- CONSUMER PRODUCTS

California Proposition 65 Reformulations

California Proposition 65 is the 'Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986', which has been effective for almost 30 years. Due to the implement of California Proposition 65, more and more court cases are settled to reduce the exposure of carcinogenic and reproductive chemicals by reformulating the consumer products containing such chemicals.

Find below some recent settlement agreements:

Product	Chemical	Limit	Case No
Plastic sewing kits	DEHP	1000ppm	Los Angeles County Superior Court BC668992
Game case	DEHP	1000ppm	Out of Court Settlement
Floor box assemblies	Lead	100ppm	Out of Court Settlement
Plastic work lights	DEHP, BBP, DBP, DIDP, DINP, DnHP	1000ppm	Los Angeles County Superior Court BC664409
LED Armbands and Illuminated Dog Leash Item and Illuminated Dog Collar Item	Lead	Total:100ppm Wipe:1.0 μ g	Out of Court Settlement
Napkin rings	Lead	Total:100ppm Wipe:1.0 μ g	Out of Court Settlement

CHINA- CONSUMER PRODUCTS



Draft standards for “Green” products assessment

On 10 August 2017, announcement was released by the Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China (S.A.C.) about 16 kinds of green products standards seeking for public comments.

Within the list of products:

Coating material/Furniture/Textile products/Household electric appliances/Paper and paper products/Artificial boards and wooden floors/Detergents/ Plastic products/Wood plastic composites products/ Solar water heating system/ building glass/ Wall material/ Thermal insulation/ Ceramic tiles/ Sanitary wares/ Waterproof materials and sealants

The comments must be received on or before September 10, 2017.

More information in the following [link](#) (in Chinese).

CHINA- CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Minamata Convention on Mercury Become Effective in China

On August 15, 2017, China issued a notification to inform that Minamata Convention on Mercury will be effective from August 16, 2017.

The convention will ban the production and trade of a range of products containing mercury from 2021, including battery, thermometers, blood pressure monitors and cosmetics, and ban primary mercury mining by 2032, as a global pact to cut pollution from the metal.

The convention commits signatory countries to phasing out old mines and banning new exploration projects, as well as reducing the use of mercury in gold mining. Countries must also ban the production, import and export of batteries, fluorescent lamps, cosmetics and pesticides that contain mercury from 2020.

Click [here](#) for details (in Chinese).

VIETNAM- CONSUMER PRODUCTS



Revised Decree on Goods Labelling

The government of Vietnam has issued a new Decree 43/2017/ND-CP that will replace Decree No. 89/2006/ND-CP on labelling of goods.

This Decree was originally notified to World Trade Organization (WTO) as a draft Decree amending and supplementing a number of articles of Decree 89/2006 on the labelling of goods (G/TBT/N/VNM/83 dated June 13, 2016). However, the final draft was revised to wholly replace Decree 89/2006, and was not re-notified to WTO.

A report providing summary and unofficial translation of this Decree can be found at the following [link](#) (Source *USDA Foreign Agricultural Service*).

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