

US FTC Updates Textile Labeling Rules

On April 4, the United States Federal Trading Commission (FTC) posted amended textile products labeling rules. The new rules will take effect beginning May 5, 2014. Below are changes included in amendments:

- incorporate the updated International Organization for Standardization standard establishing generic fiber names for manufactured fibers; [ISO 2076:2010(E), Textiles—Man-made fibres—Generic names]
- allow certain hang-tags disclosing fiber names and trademarks, and performance information, without the need to disclose the product's full fiber content;
- clarify that an imported product's country of origin is the country where it was processed or manufactured, as determined under laws and regulations enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection;
- better address electronic commerce with revised definitions of "invoice" and "invoice or other paper," [recognizing validity of electronic "documents" and E-SIGN signature]
- replace the requirement that guarantors sign continuing guarantees under penalty of perjury with a requirement that they acknowledge that providing a false guaranty is unlawful, and certify that they will actively monitor and ensure compliance with the applicable law; and
- clarify the provision identifying textile fiber product categories and products that are exempt from the Act's requirements.

For more detailed information, please refer to below link.

Link

16 CFR Part 303: Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act: Final Rule Amendments

http://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/federal_register_notices/2014/04/140404textilefrn.pdf