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EU ADDS NEW FIBRE TO LIST OF GENERIC FIBRE NAMES

The European Commission has issued a new directive 2011/73/EU,¹ which adds “polypropylene/ polyamide bicomponent” to Annex I of 2008/121/EC². Directive 2008/121/EC governs the use of generic fibre names and fibre content label requirements for products containing 80% or more of textile fibres.

The directive 2011/73/EU shall become in force on 18 August 2011. According to this directive, polypropylene/polyamide bicomponent is defined as “a bicomponent fibre composed of between 10% and 25% by mass of polyamide fibrils embedded in a polypropylene matrix”.

Readers are reminded that textile products that are sold in the European Union must carry a fibre content label in accordance to 2008/121/EC. It requires:

- the disclosure of fibre composition using of generic fibre name listed in Annex I of 2008/121/EC and subsequent directives (2009/121/EC³ and 2011/73/EU) amending this Annex.
- and the disclosure of each fibre content by percentage weight

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¹ [EU directive 2011/73/EU](#)

² [EU directive 2008/121/EC](#)

³ [EU directive 2009/121/EC](#)

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