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US FTC PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TEXTILE LABELING RULES

The US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has proposed changes to the Textile Labeling Rules. The proposed changes will clarify and update the Rules to make them more flexible, giving businesses more compliance options without imposing significant new obligations. The FTC is seeking public comment through July 8, 2013 on the overall costs, benefits and necessity of the proposed rule change.

The new Textile Labeling Rules require certain textiles sold in the US to carry labels disclosing the generic names and percentages by weight of the fibres in the product, the manufacturer or marketer name, and the country where the product was processed or manufactured.

According to the information published in the Federal Register, the FTC stated that based on comments received in response to its Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR), the Commission proposes amending the rules and regulations under the Textile Fibre Products Identification Act (Textile Rules) to:

- Incorporate the updated ISO standard 2076:2010(E) – Generic Fiber Names
- Allow certain hang-tags that do not disclose the product's full fibre content information;
- Amend the definition of the terms *invoice* and *invoice or other paper* for electronic commerce;
- Update the guaranty provisions under the Textile, Fur, and Wool Acts;
- Clarify disclosure requirements for products containing trimmings; and
- Clarify several other provisions.

All comments received will be posted on the FTC website.

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