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## US LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR PESTICIDE TREATED CLOTHING

A number of apparel companies have researched and developed pesticide impregnated clothing as personal protection against biting insects such as mosquitoes and deerflies.

According to news released from the EPA, all sales of items in the US that have pesticides as an ingredient must be properly labelled according to the United States labeling requirements and must be approved for sale with the EPA. The label must provide the pesticide registration number\*, a proper statement of ingredients, and storage and disposal information. Labels are also required to have the following statement "It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling".

It is very important in the US to ensure the protection of human health and the environment by informing customers with labels about the safe use of a product and if the product has any risks. Therefore, it is important for suppliers to ensure that pesticide-treated products have correct labels and use the language which is required and approved by the EPA for pesticide treated articles.

The import, sale and distribution of mislabelled pesticide-treated products violates federal pesticide regulations and will be subject to fines.

Remark:

\* Pesticides must be registered or exempt by EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs before they may be sold or distributed in the US.



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Reference:

EPA Registering Pesticides:

<http://www.epa.gov/opp00001/regulating/registering/>

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