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Business Information

Textile Labelling of fabric on the roll

Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986

Fabric is required to be labelled with an accurate indication of fibre content. Fibre content details for fabric rolls can be given on a label or on a swing ticket. If the fabric is pre-packed the label can be on the packaging. Customers must be able to see the fibre content details at the time of purchase.

The law requires the use of the following names to indicate fibre content.

Abaca	Acetate	Acrylic	Alfa
Alginate	Animal or horse hair	Aramid	Broom
Chlorofibre	Coir	Cotton	Cupro
Elastane	Elastodiene	Elastomultiester	Flax or linen
Fluorofibre	Glass fibre	Hemp	Henequen
Jute	Kapok	Lyocell	Maguey
Modacrylic	Modal	Nylon or polyamide	Polycarbamide
Polyester	Polyethylene	Poly lactide	Polymide
Polypropylene	Polyurethane	Protein	Ramie
Silk	Sisal	Sunn	Triacetate
Trivinyll	Vinyll	Viscose	Wool

Alpaca, llama, camel, cashmere, mohair, angora, vicuna, yak, guanaco, cashgora, beaver, otter – these may be followed by the word wool or hair.

The name of the material of which fibres are composed -for example: metallic, asbestos, paper -these may be followed by the word yarn or fibre.

The expressions '*100 per cent*', '*pure*' and '*all*' can only be used if the product is made completely of one type of fibre.

The word '*silk*' must not be used in any description if there is no silk in the product. This includes words like '*silky*'.

Any advertisement, which invites customers to order directly, must include the fibre content of any items advertised.

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Manufacturers and distributors of textiles must inform their customers (including public bodies and government departments) of the fibre content of anything they supply. It must be stated in all commercial documents, which accompany the goods, and can also be marked on the goods themselves.

This leaflet is a brief summary of the law regarding textile labelling. It is not an authoritative document on the law and is only intended for guidance. For further details or clarification please contact the Trading Standards Service.



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