



Consumer Information Standards (Care Labelling) Regulations 2000

Michael Hardie Boys, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 14th day of August 2000

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 27(2) of the Fair Trading Act 1986, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council and on the recommendation of the Minister of Consumer Affairs, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Consumer Information Standards (Care Labelling) Regulations 2000.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 October 2000.

3 Application

These regulations apply to the goods described in Part 1 of Schedule 1, but not to the goods described in Part 2 of that schedule.

4 Consumer information standard for care labelling of certain textile and other goods

Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1957:1998 Textiles—Care labelling (with the variations set out in Schedule 2) is a consumer information standard for the goods to which these regulations apply for the purposes of section 27(2) of the Fair Trading Act 1986.

5 Revocation

The Consumer Information Standards (Care Labelling) Regulations 1992 (SR 1992/90) are revoked on the close of 1 October 2001.

6 Transitional provision

Until the Consumer Information Standards (Care Labelling) Regulations 1992 are revoked,—

- (a) a person must comply with either the Consumer Information Standards (Care Labelling) Regulations 1992 or these regulations; and
 - (b) compliance with either set of regulations is compliance with the other set of regulations.
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Schedule 1 Application

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Part 1

Goods to which regulations apply

Clothing, household textiles, apparel, furnishings, upholstered furniture, bedding, mattresses, bed bases, piece goods and yarns, as are made from textiles, plastics, plastic coated fabrics, suede, skins, hides, grain leathers, and furs.

Part 2

Goods to which regulations do not apply

Men's, women's, children's, and infants' wear

Unsupported coats (including overcoats and jackets) of PVC film, handkerchiefs, braces, garters, suspenders, armbands, belts, and headwear.

Footwear

Footwear (except hosiery) and textile materials used in the manufacture of footwear.

Drapery

Floor cloths, dish cloths, dusters, cleaning cloths, and pressing cloths.

Haberdashery

Ornaments, artificial flowers, sewing and embroidery threads, maternity inset panels, bust improvers and bra pads, replacement bra parts, and replacement pockets.

Furnishings

Upholstered furniture frame and mechanism covers and linings, oil baize, window blinds, sun blinds, awnings, carpets and other floor coverings, light fittings, lampshades, tapestries, wall hangings, ornaments, handicraft items, draught excluders, non-upholstered furniture, cushions, and cushion covers manufactured from remnants and labelled by the manufacturer with the following disclaimer: "cushion cover manufactured from remnants, care treatment unknown".

Jute products

All jute products.

Medical and surgical goods

Goods intended for medical and surgical use as bandages, dressings, sanitary pads, and materials forming part of manufactured medical and surgical goods.

Canvas goods

Beach and garden umbrella coverings.

Miscellaneous goods

Cords, twines, lashings, garden hoses, toys, umbrellas and parasols, shoelaces, woven labels, flex coverings, sporting goods used only for the purposes of sport (except apparel), goods intended for one-time use only, mops, basket hangers, shoe holders, remnants, industrial gloves, regalia, polypropylene webbing for furniture, bags and cases (including handbags, purses, wallets, travel bags, school bags, sports bags, briefcases, and wash bags).

Secondhand goods

All secondhand goods.

Schedule 2

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**Variations to Australian/New Zealand Standard
AS/NZS 1957:1998 Textiles—Care labelling****Clause 1.1**

Omit.

Clause 1.3

Omit.

Clause 2.2

Omit paragraph (c) and substitute:

“(c) The wording of the label must be in English and be clearly legible.”

Omit Note 1.

New clause 2.2A

Insert, after clause 2.2:

“2.2A EXEMPTION FROM PERMANENT LABEL REQUIREMENTS

“2.2A.1 Exemption The care instructions for a made-up article described in clause 2.2A.3 do not have to be stated on a permanent label attached to the article, but must be stated in 1 of the following ways:

- “(a) on a removable ticket or label attached to the article; or
- “(b) on a pamphlet accompanying the article; or
- “(c) on a wrapper or package or other matter in which the article is sold.

“2.2A.2 Continuing label requirements The requirements in clause 2.2(b) and (c) still apply to care instructions given in these ways.

“2.2A.3 Made-up articles exempted from permanent label requirements:

- “(a) *men’s and boys’ wear*: collars, gloves, mittens, all types of hosiery, incontinence garments, reversible jackets, and fur garments:
- “(b) *women’s and girls’ wear*: collars, neckwear, gloves, mittens, all types of hosiery, incontinence garments, reversible jackets, fur garments, and shawls:
- “(c) *baby wear*: gloves, mittens, bibs, washable nappies, squares of flannelette, terry towelling or muslin, baby pilchers, and fur garments:

- “(d) *drapery*: face washers, serviettes, doilies, tablecloths, tray cloths, centres, runners, duchess sets, mosquito netting and covers made from mosquito netting, butter muslin and gauze, tea towels, place mats, pot holders, finger tips, and appliance covers for teapots, toasters, and similar articles:
- “(e) *haberdashery*: elastic, elastic threads, ribbons, zips, iron-on binding patches or trim, velcro type fasteners, and curtain making kits:
- “(f) *piece goods*: trim:
- “(g) *furnishings*: shower curtains:
- “(h) *miscellaneous*: gardening gloves.”

Section 2

Add:

“2.4 DIFFERENT WORDS FOR CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Despite clauses 2.1.3, 2.2(b), 3.2, 3.3.2, 3.3.4, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6, different words from the care instructions set out in Tables 1, 2, and 3 may be used when providing care instructions, as long as they have the same effect and are not misleading.”

Marie Shroff,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 October 2000, replace the Consumer Information Standards (Care Labelling) Regulations 1992. The regulations declare the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1957:1998 Textiles—Care labelling, with certain variations, to be a consumer information standard for textile goods for the purposes of section 27(2) of the Fair Trading Act 1986.

The standard specifies care instructions for certain goods. These regulations apply the standard to clothing, household textiles, apparel, furnishings, upholstered furniture, bedding, mattresses, bed bases, piece goods and yarns, as are made from textiles, plastics, plastic coated fabrics, suede, skins, hides, grain leathers, and furs.

It is an offence under section 40 of the Fair Trading Act 1986 for a person to supply, or offer to supply, or advertise to supply goods to which a consumer information standard relates unless the person complies with the consumer information standard. In addition, that Act provides for the granting of injunctions and specifies other remedies that may be obtained against persons who contravene Part II of the Act.

The Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1957:1998 Textiles—Care labelling supercedes the previous standard NZS 8721 1988 for Care Labelling of Clothing, Household Textiles, Furnishings, Upholstered Furniture, Bedding, Piece Goods and Yarns prescribed by the previous regulations. There is a transitional period until 1 October 2001, during which either standard may be complied with.

The main changes from the previous standard are as follows:

- individual pieces of a suite of furniture must be care labelled:
 - the care instructions for leather and upholstery are expanded:
 - international symbols for care treatment other than dry-cleaning may be used on labels, but written instructions are still also required:
 - variation in the exact wording of care instructions is permitted, as long as it has the same effect and is not misleading:
 - the type size for care instructions is no longer prescribed. Instructions must, however, be in English and be clearly legible.
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