

FY2002 Market Monitoring Test Results

Sample purchase test related to the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law “Apparel labeled 100% cashmere”

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In FY2002, NITE conducted a sample purchase test of “Apparel labeled 100% cashmere” to confirm their compliance with the quality labeling regulations for textile goods (hereinafter referred to as “labeling regulation”) under the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law.

NITE purchased 12 sample products available in the market for the test; 3 men’s coats, 3 women’s coats, 4 women’s scarves and 2 women’s sweaters. Following results, 6 samples were deemed noncompliant with the labeling regulations.

The most prominent noncompliance item, found in 3 sample products; a men’s coat, a women’s coat and a women’s scarf, was non-cashmere fiber content, ranging from 4-7 %, which exceeds the acceptable range (3%) allowed by the labeling regulations.

The table below shows the details of the identified noncompliance items.

Noncompliant item	Number of samples
Non-cashmere fiber content exceeding the acceptable range	3
Used of a non-designated term for composition of fibers	1
Failure to label fibers in descending order of percentage for liner composition	1
Omission of terms indicating areas where fibers are used	1
Improper product care labeling such as symbols for domestic washing use, etc.	1
Improper labeling of labeler’s information	1

(*) Each noncompliant item is counted cumulatively when a product has multiple noncompliant items.

NITE presented the test results to noncompliant labelers and conducted hearings with them for their opinions and measures to be taken. The results of the hearings, together with the test results, were reported to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Based on the test results, METI has given administrative guidance to the relevant labelers.