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0.0 FOREWORD

- 0.1 The National Standards Council approved this Standard for adoption on February 20, 2002 for use as a Dominica National Standard (DNS) and is the fifth in a series of Standards on Labelling of Commodities.
- 0.2 Compulsory status has been recommended in an effort to prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling to protect the consumer or user against danger to health or safety, as well as to give adequate information to the consumer or user and to generally ensure the quality of goods and services.
- 0.3 Many goods for retail sale are commonly sold prepackaged by the manufacturer, the packager, or the retailer. It was therefore recognized that provisions for the information to be given on labels of products manufactured from textiles would help the consumer or purchaser to assess the quality of goods and their relation to his/her needs and resources.
- 0.4 It is also intended to assist manufacturers in meeting the labelling requirements imposed by regional and extra-regional markets.
- 0.5 This standard will be effective as a compulsory standard on a date to be notified by the Minister responsible for the Bureau of Standards in a notice to be published in the Dominica Gazette as required by the Standards Act No. 4 of 1999.
- 0.6 In the formulation of this standard assistance has been derived from Caribbean Common Market Standards Council (CCMSC) now known as CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ).

1.0 SCOPE

- 1.1 This specification is concerned with basic labelling requirements for garments and other products manufactured from textiles.
- 1.2 This specification is applicable to –
1. textile goods made locally for local consumption;
 2. textile goods made locally for export; and
 3. textile goods imported for local consumption.
- 1.3 This specification does not apply to custom-made articles.

2.0 TERMINOLOGY

The names of textiles and textile goods used shall be those in the "Glossary of Terms Relating to Textiles and Clothing" approved from time to time.

3.0 LABELLING

- 3.1 All products manufactured from textiles shall have clear and distinct labels firmly attached to show the following:
- 3.1.1 Name of country of origin of manufactured article.
- 3.1.2 Name of manufacturer or trade marks.
- 3.1.3 Sizes or dimensions, whichever are applicable.
- 3.1.4 Approximate fiber content by generic-name and by percentage composition by weight, e.g. all cotton or 100% cotton; 65% polyester; 35% cotton etc. The generic name of each fiber present in an amount of five percent (5%) or more shall be shown in decreasing order of prominence by weight. A fiber in an amount of less than five percent (5%) may be designated as other fiber.

NOTE: "Sizes or dimensions" and "approximate fiber content" may be indelibly imprinted onto the garments such as shirts and blouses in such a way as to be visible at the point of sale. The neckband is considered as meeting the visibility requirement, and conforms to international practice.

3.2 "Seconds" and "Irregulars" shall be clearly marked as such, when offered for sale and the purchaser shall have the right to examine these articles.

3.3 Labels

3.3.1 Permanent and legible labels shall be produced by printing, weaving or other means and attached to the textile article.

3.3.2 Labels, whether sewn or applied by adhesives, shall be securely fastened so as to remain attached to the textile article for a minimum of five (5) washings.

NOTE: Information indelibly printed onto the article shall remain legible for a minimum of five (5) washings.

3.4 Care Labelling

If care labelling is used, then symbols or instructions for the care of the article must comply with the methods recommended by the appropriate authority. In addition, detailed "care" instructions may be attached to the article in the form of a swing ticket, a pamphlet or other suitably printed material to convey information to the public.

4.0 CONFORMITY

To conform to this specification, labelling shall comply with clauses 2 and 3 above, and

DNS 2 : Part 1 : General Principles for Labelling of Goods

DNS 2 : Part 2 : Specifications for Labelling of Prepackaged Goods

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