

No. 2006-248, Notification of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards

With the intention of listening to the public opinion in advance, we hereby announce, in accordance with the regulation of Article 41.1 of Administrative Procedure Law, the purpose and the main contents of the following Enactment of the “Notification of Labelling Criteria of the Industrial Products subject to Safety and Quality Labelling”, in compliance with Article 22.1 (including Safety and Quality Labelling of the Industrial Products subject to Safety and Quality Labelling) of the “Quality Management and Safety Control of Industrial Products Act” and with [Appended Chart 3] referring to Article 2.4 (including the range of Industrial Products subject to Safety Certification) of Amended Enforcement Regulations Ordinance (plan) of the same Act.

October 23, 2006

Administrator of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards

Advance Notice of Enactment (plan) of “Notification of Labelling Criteria of the Industrial Products subject to Safety and Quality Labelling”

1. Enactment Purpose

In compliance with Article 22.1 of the “Quality Management and Safety Control of Industrial Products Act” and with [Appended Chart 3] referring to Article 2.4 of the Amended Enforcement Regulations Ordinance (plan) of the same Act, the following 14 industrial products, which are textile products, toilet papers, polyethylene film for agricultural use, dehumidification agents, soaps, leather products, sunglasses, glasses frames, tents, handy laundry drying racks, furniture, household tool kits, cotton tips, glasses panels for eye protection that were added to the list after the hearing (September 5, 2006), shall be designated as Industrial Products subject to Safety and Quality Labelling. This Enactment, therefore, has been proposed to prepare Labelling Criteria for these industrial products.

2. Main Contents

- In the case of textile, chemical and household products, which belong to the Safety and Quality Labelling category because they carry potential risk for causing accidents or doing harm to consumers while being handled, used or carried, and their materials, functions and sizes are difficult to identify,
- If they are textile products including outer garments, inner wear, school uniforms, Korean dresses, gloves and socks etc., it is mandatory to mark the composition and composites of

textiles, date of manufacture, washing instructions and contact information of the customer support centre on each product and

- It is mandatory to mark a product's name, composition and composites of textiles, date of manufacture, manufacturer's name, importer's name (imported products only), address and telephone number of manufacturer (domestic products only) or importer, manufacturing country, contact information of the customer support centre and washing instructions separately on a loop label, product package or label tags.
 - However, in order to indicate the size, it is recommended to comply with the KS K 0050.
- If they are chemical products including toilet paper, polyethylene film for agricultural use, dehumidification agents, soaps and leather products, it is mandatory to mark the name and types of products, date of manufacture, manufacturer's name, importer's name (imported products only), address and telephone number of manufacturer (domestic products only), or importer, manufacturing country and instruction manuals on each product or minimum unit packages, and
- The markings shall be distinguished between mandatory and recommended items. For example, the pure soap ingredient of soaps is a mandatory item but the burst strength of toilet papers is a recommended one.
- If they are household items including sunglasses, glasses frames, tents, handy laundry drying racks, furniture, household tool kits, cotton yarn, and glasses panels for eye protection etc., it is mandatory to mark the composition, function, specification including the name and types of products, date of manufacture, manufacturer's name, importer's name (imported products only), address and telephone number of manufacturer (domestic products only) or importer, manufacturing country, instruction manuals and size on each product or minimum unit packages.

3. Details of the Enactment (plan) of “Notification of Labelling Criteria of the Industrial Products subject to Safety and Quality Labelling”

□ The following details of Enactment (plan) are not introduced in the official gazette since they are available on Notice/Announcement Board of the website of Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (www.kats.go.kr).

Notification of Labelling Criteria of the Industrial Products subject to Safety and Quality Labelling

No 2006-248 (Dec 24, 2006), Enactment of Notification of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards

Article 1 (purpose) The purpose of this Notification is to designate Safety and Quality Labelling Criteria for the Industrial Products subject to Safety and Quality Labelling (hereinafter referred to as “Labelling Criteria”) in accordance with Article 22.1 of the “Quality Management and Safety Control of Industrial Products Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”)”.

Article 2 (safety criteria) Safety and Quality Labelling Annex 01 or 3 shall be applied to Labelling Criteria, in compliance with Article 1, for each industrial product subject to safety and quality labelling, which are introduced in [Appended Chart 3] referring to Article 2.4 of the Enforcement Ordinance of the Act. In the case of describing product details on the surface of the corresponding industrial product or on the minimum unit packages, it shall be written in Korean. Apart from what has been indicated in the Safety and Quality Labelling Annex for each industrial product, any potential danger, which may occur by the use of the corresponding product, shall be clearly indicated by the manufacturers or importers themselves. However, English may be used for manufacturers’ names in the case that it is difficult to do so in Korean.

Article 3 (interpretation of labelling criteria)

- (1) The Administrator of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards shall be responsible for the interpretation of Labelling Criteria by this Notification.
- (2) Anyone who needs the aforementioned interpretation of Labelling Criteria may ask the Administrator of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards in writing.
- (3) The Administrator of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards, in the case that he or she regards it necessary for the interpretation of Labelling Criteria, may refer to the Industrial Products Safety Control Committee in accordance with Article 11 of the Act.

Safety and Quality Labelling Annex 1: Quality Labelling Criteria for Textile Products

Safety and Quality Labelling Annex 2: Quality Labelling Criteria for Chemical Products

Safety and Quality Labelling Annex 3: Quality Labelling Criteria for Household Products

Subsidiary Act (No 2006-248, Dec 24, 2006)

(enforcement date) This Notification shall be enforced as of the date of Notification.

4. Submission of Opinions

We ask any individuals, companies or groups, who would like to express their opinions on this Enactment (plan), to submit a letter to the Consumer Product Safety Division of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy, by November 13, 2006. The letter should include the following details.

- A. Opinions about each item of Advance Notice (plan) (agree or disagree and the reason)
 - B. Submitter's information (address and phone number)
 - C. In the case of a group, the name of the group and the group leader's name, address and phone number
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