STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 551

TRADE DESCRIPTIONS

The Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2009

Made - - - -	*6th March 2009*
Laid before Parliament	*10th March 2009*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2009*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations under the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**a**)

The Secretary of State is a Minister designated(**b**) for the purposes of that Act in relation to measures relating to consumer protection.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and shall come into force on 1st April 2009.

Amendment of the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986

2.—(1) The Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986(**c**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4(1)—

(a) omit the definition "Directive 96/74/EC";

(b) after the definition of "the Act of 1968" insert—

""Directive 2008/121/EC" means Directive 2008/121/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on textile names (recast);" (**d**);

(c) for the definition of "Annex 1" substitute ""Annex I" means Annex I (Table of textile fibres) to Directive 2008/121/EC;";

(d) omit the definition "Annex II"; and

(e) after the definition of "Annex I" insert —

""Annex V" means "Annex V (Agreed allowances used to calculate the mass of fibres contained in a textile product) to Directive 2008/121/EC;".

(3) In regulation 4(4) for "Annex II" substitute "Annex V".

(**a**) 1972. c.68.
(**b**) S.I. 1993/2661.
(**c**) S.I.1986/26 amended by S.I. 1988/1350, 1994/450, 1998/1169, 2005/1401, 2006/3297 and 2008/6.
(**d**) OJ L19 23.1.2009, p.29.

(4) In regulation 8 for "Column 1 of Schedule 2" substitute "the column headed "Name" in Annex I".

(5) In Schedule 1 paragraph 7(3) for "Annex II" substitute "Annex V."

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Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

6th March 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986 ("the principal Regulations"). The principal Regulations implemented Directive 96/74/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile names (OJ No. L32, 3.2.97, p.38). That Directive has been amended on several occasions and has now been repealed and replaced by Directive 2008/121/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile names (recast) (OJ. No.L19, 23.1.2009, p.29). There are no significant changes in Directive 2008/121/EC.

Directive 2008/121/EC sets out the names to be used for different types of textile fibres and fibre descriptions in Annex I and the percentage allowances to apply to fibre when determining composition of mixtures by weight in Annex V.

Regulation 2 provides for amendments to be made to the principal Regulations to refer to Directive 2008/121/EC and Annexes I and V as necessary.

An impact assessment has not been prepared in respect of these Regulations as they will have no impact on the costs to business. A revised transposition note is available from the Consumer and Competition Policy Directorate, Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website. A copy of the transposition note has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

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