

special labelling regulations. The onus is on the Canadian exporter to determine the requirements and ensure that the product is properly labelled before it leaves Canada.

Some Products that are Subject to Special Requirements

Mexico's product labelling regulations contain special treatment for textile and leather products, electrical and electronic products and refrigerators that differ from the general and *NOM*-based regulations described above. New requirements can be imposed at any time, and exporters should check their status with the importer prior to shipment.

Textiles, Clothing and Leather

Textiles, clothing and accessories and leather, shoes and leather products, are covered by *NOM-020-SCFI-1994*. They must meet specific labelling requirements that are specified in the labelling decree and enforced at the border. But they do not have to be accompanied by a certificate of compliance, even though they are subject to *NOMs*. For these products, labels must be affixed to the product and not just to the packaging.

Minimum Labelling Requirements for Textile and Clothing Products

- *NOM-004-SCFI-1994*;
- brand name;
- content (percentages in descending order);
- size;
- handling instructions (symbols are permitted, in this case, provided that they do not require legends); and
- country of origin.

Source: Government of Canada translation of Article Four (I) of the March 7, 1994 Labelling Decree from the *Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial (SECOFI)*, Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development.