to identify their country of origin to the ultimate pur-chaser in the U.S.

The use of stickers or tags is permitted if they are used in such a manner as to be permanent, unless deliberately removed, until receipt by the ultimate purchaser.

Certain small instruments and utensils must be marked by die-stamping, cast-in-the-mould lettering, etching, engraving, or by means of metal plates securely attached to the articles.

The U.S. Customs Service may exempt certain articles from such a marking. In such cases, the container must be suitably marked.

Composition Marking

Any product containing woollen fibre (except carpets, rugs, mats and upholsteries, or articles made more than 20 years before importation) must be clearly marked: 1) to identify the manufacturer or the person marketing the product; 2) with a statement denoting in percentage terms the total fibre content of the product; and 3) with the maximum percentage of the total weight of the product of any nonfibrous loading, filling or adulterating matter. If the shipment is not suitably marked, an opportunity to mark under U.S. Customs supervision may be granted.

When the fabric contained in any product is imported, it is necessary to state the fabric's country of origin.

Fur products must be marked as to type (particular animal), country of origin, and manufacturer's or marketer's name. In addition, where they are used or damaged, bleached, dyed or otherwise artificially coloured, or composed substantially of paws, tails, bellies or waste fur, they must be marked accordingly.

Food Labelling

All imported foods, beverages, drugs, medical devices and cosmetics are subject to inspection by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the time of entry into the U.S. The FDA is not authorized to approve or pass upon the legality of specific consign-ments before they arrive and are offered for entry into the U.S. However, the FDA is always willing to offer comments on proposed labels or answer other inquir-ies from importers and exporters. Advice on prospec-