

Textiles, clothing and accessories must also meet specific labelling requirements specified in the labelling decree which are enforced at the border. For these goods, labels must be affixed to the product and not just to the packaging. Apparel labels must also meet the requirements of *NOM-004-SCFI-1993*, which includes a requirement for a *Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM)*, Mexican official standard logo, and certificate of compliance number. *NOMs* are described in the following section.

Draft amendments, expected to become effective in mid-1995, will include the requirement that the importer's *Registro Federal de Causantes*, Mexican taxation registration number, appear on the label. The amendments specify that sizes must be in Spanish according to the general system of measures. In addition, instructions for product care must include the following information:

- Washing: hand, machine wash, dry cleaning or special process, water temperature, use of soaps and detergents, any prohibitions.
- Drying: wring out, sunlight, hanging, horizontal. Use or prohibitions of special equipment, special recommendations.
- Ironing: warm, hot or steam, or no ironing, any special conditions.
- Bleaching.
- Special recommendations.

The new rules will apply to all textiles, clothing and accessories including linen, towels, curtains and rugs.

MINIMUM LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOTHING AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS

NOM-004-SCFI-1993

Brand name

Content (percentages in descending order)

Size

Handling instructions (symbols are permitted in this case provided that they do not require legends)

Country of origin

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