

Requirements for Textile, Apparel and Accessory Labels for Imported Products under *NOM-004-SCFI-1994*

Brand name	
Content	Percentages of fibres listed in descending order.
Size	Provided in accordance with Mexico's General System of Measurement (metric) <i>NOM-008-SCFI</i>
Handling instructions	Symbols are permitted provided that they do not require legends.
Country of origin	This includes the country of origin of the materials used.

labelling requirement, and labels must bear a special *NOM* logo. Under the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), beginning in 1998, Canadian testing laboratories will be able to apply for certification for testing products to be sold in Mexico.

The following list of *NOMs* is provided merely as an example: it is by no means exhaustive. Moreover, Mexico's official standards are in a constant state of revision. Exporters must verify the specific requirements for each product with their agent, distributor or other importer before the goods leave Canada.

PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO OFFICIAL QUALITY STANDARDS

This summary discusses three regulations that apply specifically to labelling requirements of consumer products. In addition to generic products, it covers clothing, textiles and accessories (*NOM-004-SCFI-1994*), as well as prepackaged foods and non-alcoholic beverages (*NOM-051-SCFI-1994*).

On 9 July 1995, the Mexican government published *NOM-141-SSA1-1995*, which contains proposed regulations governing the labelling of perfumes and cosmetics. This regulation is not discussed further in this summary because it is still in the consultation stage. Canadian manufacturers of such products should be prepared to comply with these regulations when they go into effect.

NOM-050-SCFI-1994 lists 26 other products which are not covered by the generic products regulation because they are governed by more specific standards. In addition to labelling requirements, these *NOMs* impose technical or quality standards which are extremely detailed. Manufacturers should familiarize themselves fully with their intricacies.

In general, these products must be tested in Mexico and be issued with

a certificate of compliance, indicating that they meet the standards set out in the *NOM*. This includes the

Products Covered by *NOMs* with Labelling Provisions

Textiles, apparel and accessories	<i>NOM-004-SCFI-1994</i>
Footwear, leather and skins	<i>NOM-020-SCFI-1993</i>
Jewellery	<i>NOM-033-SCFI-1994</i>
Electrical and electronic apparatus and appliances	<i>NOM-024-SCFI-1994</i>
Foods and non-alcoholic beverages	<i>NOM-051-SCFI-1994</i>
Automobile tires	<i>NOM-086-SCFI-1995</i>
Pressure cookers	<i>NOM-054-SCFI-1994</i>
Portable gas burners	<i>NOM-090-SCFI-1994</i>
Blood-pressure measuring devices	<i>NOM-009-SCFI-1993</i>
Thermometers of liquid in gas	<i>NOM-011-SCFI-1993</i>
Pressure gauges with elastic elements	<i>NOM-013-SCFI-1993</i>
Positive displacement metres for natural gas or LPG	<i>NOM-014-SCFI-1993</i>
Natural gas or LPG containers or domestic apparatus	<i>NOM-018-SCFI-1993</i>
	<i>NOM-021-SCFI-1993</i>
	<i>NOM-023-SCFI-1994</i>
Gas heaters	<i>NOM-022-SCFI-1993</i>
Data processing equipment	<i>NOM-019-SCFI-1994</i>
Brandy	<i>NOM-032-SCFI-1993</i>
Measuring tapes	<i>NOM-046-SCFI-1994</i>
Electric elevators	<i>NOM-053-SCFI-1994</i>
Steel plate used for liquefied gas or petroleum containers	<i>NOM-060-SCFI-1994</i>
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Electrical wire	<i>NOM-063-SCFI-1994</i>
Lighting	<i>NOM-064-SCFI-1994</i>
Prepackaged tuna and bonito	<i>NOM-084-SCFI-1994</i>
Pressure relief valves	<i>NOM-093-SCFI-1994</i>
Preservatives	<i>NOM-016-SSA1-1993</i>
Products for agriculture, forestry, livestock	<i>NOM-061-SSA1-1993</i>

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