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Sweatshop and Child Labour
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The document reviews seventeen codes, labels and related initiatives, including Abring Foundation for Children's Rights (Brazil), Fair Trade Charter (Netherlands), Ethical Trading Initiative, Fair TradeMark Canada, Rugmark, and Social Accountability 8000. In a table format it provides a guide to these codes and labels according to their standard-building characteristics (ie, reflect ILO conventions; address issues of wages, hours of work) and governance structure and monitoring features (ie, includes at least two of NGOs/unions/industry representatives, NGO and/or union participation in monitoring and verifying standards compliance). The document does not offer any analysis of these codes and labels based on their strengths and weaknesses. The appendices are worthwhile for providing extensive outlines of the nature of the codes and label initiatives attended to in

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