

standard sizes. Information on these labelling regulations for textiles and garments can be obtained from the Consumer Products Branch of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. (See Annex 2 for address.)

Precious Metal Products

The Precious Metals Marking Act applies to goods imported into or sold in Canada that contain gold, silver, platinum or palladium. It is possible to import and sell items in Canada which contain precious metals without the items having specified markings. In the case of jewellery, however, about 98 per cent of the goods purchased by retailers is labelled with standard quality marks, such as 10k, 14k, etc., for gold content. The marking requirements under the Precious Metals Marking Act relate the precious metal content of products to specific standards. If a standard quality mark is used on an item, a trade mark is also required. This trade mark must be registered in Canada.

Further information on the import into Canada of precious metal products is available from the Consumer Products Branch of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. (See Annex 2 for address.)

Marking of Imported Goods

Almost all goods imported into Canada are required to bear country of origin marking. Regulations about origin markings are set out in a Revenue Canada Memorandum entitled "Marking of Imported Goods Order". Generally, goods imported into Canada must be legibly marked, stamped, branded or labelled in one of Canada's official languages so as to indicate the country of origin. This marking must be indelible, and applied in a conspicuous place on the product. The Memorandum provides details on the types of goods that require marking.

Standards and Safety Regulations

The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, assisted by Revenue Canada (Customs and Excise), is also responsible for regulating the sale, importation and advertisement in Canada of hazardous products. The Hazardous Product Act and Regulations lists products and substances that are deemed to be hazardous in nature and are restricted or prohibited from entry into Canada; it outlines procedures concerning the importation into Canada of restricted