

## MINIMUM LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR TEXTILE AND CLOTHING 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 Labelling Decree from the *Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial (SECOFI)*, Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development.

## REFRIGERATORS

Refrigerator labels must comply with a number of very specific requirements including adherence to certain energy-efficiency regulations in addition to all of the requirements for textiles and leather. The label must show the refrigerator's type, size in cubic metres, the model number, the estimated average energy consumption and the annual energy cost.

## MEAT PRODUCTS

Meat products are covered by emergency *NOM-EM-003-ZOO-1994*. This *NOM* is due to expire on June 27, 1995, but it has been extended once, and exporters should assume that it is effective unless advised otherwise by the importer.

It requires that all meat products be labelled in Spanish with the following information: country of origin, producer's name and address, product name and description, lot number and net weight. The label must also include *mantengase en refrigeración o congelado* (keep refrigerated or frozen) legends.

## EXEMPTIONS

The Executive Decree (Article Six) lists several categories of goods which are exempted from both the labelling and certification provisions. A number of other exclusions have been established by letters of clarification. The following goods are exempt:

- a maximum of three units submitted to the relevant Mexican authorities for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of compliance with an official standard;
- goods that are part of accompanied passenger luggage on international flights;
- goods that are part of the household effects of persons domiciled in Mexico;
- goods imported by educational, scientific and non-commercial organizations including any organizations authorized to accept donations under the Income Tax Act;
- samples with no commercial value;
- temporary imports for repair or in-bond assembly;
- goods which are new, one-of-a-kind or highly specialized and involve a security risk, may be imported up to a maximum of 25 items per customs declaration. They must be accompanied by a contract that assigns risk to the recipient and states that the items are not for sale to the public;
- capital and intermediate goods, provided that a written statement of final use accompanies the goods;
- bulk goods, except where included in a *Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM)*, official Mexican standard, defined as goods that "must be weighed or measured in the presence of the consumer at the time of sale"; and
- packages shipped by courier and valued at less than US \$1,000.