

### ***Textiles, Clothing and Accessories***

Draft amendments for textiles, clothing and accessories which were issued in 1994 (NOM-004-SCFI-1994) have been formalized in new regulations published on January 14, 1996. These now demand that the importer's Mexican taxation registration number appear on the label. The amendments also specify that sizes must be in Spanish, according to the general system of measures. In addition, instructions for product care will have to include the following information:

- washing: hand, machine wash, dry cleaning or special process; water temperature; use of soaps and detergents; any prohibitions;
- drying: sunlight; wring out, hanging, horizontal; use or prohibitions of special equipment; special recommendations;
- ironing: warm, hot or steam; or no ironing; any special conditions;
- bleaching; and
- special recommendations.

The new rules will apply to all textiles, clothing and accessories including linen, towels, curtains and rugs. There is an implementation period of one year for the sizing requirement. There are provisions for labelling information to be provided to *SECOFI* prior to importation, and these have been subject to strenuous objections. It is not yet clear how implementation will proceed.