

# GINETEX



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## ISO

The 3rd proposed FDIS on the standard ISO 3758 was approved at 93 % by the experts of the ISO on 22.11.2011, after 6 years of discussions. ISO 3758: 2012 should be published mid 2012.

The care symbols are now also registered in ISO 7000 (Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Index and synopsis).

The agreement between the ISO and the GINETEX acknowledging GINETEX's ownership of the trademarks, has been updated, validated and published on the site of the ISO at: <http://standards.iso.org/iso/3758>.

## ECO-LABELLING

The discussions with Swedish companies have continued. GINETEX is currently looking at whether a concrete proposal for an "eco care" pictogram could be registered as trademark. They are collaborating with AISE, aiming at giving relevant information about "clever care" under a special website.

## LEONARDO DAVINCI-PROJECT

The results of the project and the new documentation have been accepted by the relevant authorities. At present the printing of all information is under preparation. In the interest of economization there was chosen one printer to produce all documents in the French, German and Dutch language. The new information is also available in Czech, Greek and Portuguese language.

# EU-REGULATION OF TEXTILE LABELLING

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of the fibre composition of textile products.

On 27 September 2011, the European Parliament and the Council adopted the Regulation (EU) No. 1007/2011 on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of the fibre composition of textile products (Official Journal L 272 of 18.10.2011, p.1). The Regulation will be applicable as from 8 May 2012, repealing and replacing Directives 2008/121/EC, 96/73/EC and 73/44/EC.

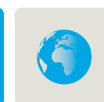
The Regulation is based on the previous Directives, revising them in line with recent legislative standards to facilitate its direct applicability and to ensure that citizens, economic operators and public authorities can readily identify their rights and obligations.

The British Consultants Agency Matrix Insight is conducting the survey for the European Commission and is interviewing textile and apparel federations and

GINETEX committees, on all items to be mentioned (social labelling, sizes, made in, care ...). The report looking into the feasibility and added value of possible future labelling schemes is to be submitted latest September 2013 by the European Commission to the Parliament and the Council.

The Regulation introduces certain new provisions:

- Introduction of minimum technical requirements for applications for a new fibre name;
- General obligation to state the full fibre composition of textile products;
- New requirement to indicate the presence of non-textile parts of animal origin;
- Clarification of the conditions of labels and marks indicating the composition;
- Clarification of the exemption applicable to customised products made-up by self-employed tailors;
- Compulsory labelling of felts and felt hats;
- Reporting on the implementation, review clause and study on labelling to be undertaken by the Commission.



## GLOBAL PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

### THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES HAVE JOINED RECENTLY:

#### PARTNERS

Avery Dennison (US labelling company)

Gerber Childrenswear (US baby apparel company)

Triboro Quilt (US company)

#### SUPPORTING LABORATORIES

Bureau Veritas Consumer Product Services (France)

CTTN-IREN (France)

Oekotex Association with 15 laboratories

Intertek Test Hizmetleri A.S. (Turkey)

UL VS Switzerland AG/UL-STR testing & inspection

SGS Hong Kong Limited

Textilnízkkušebníústav (TZU/Czech Republic)

## TECHNICAL BOOKLET

The supporting laboratories will be mentioned with their coordinates in the updated **GINETEX** Technical Booklet, offering the possibility to manufacturers to access to a wide network of textile laboratories.

Ready in March, it will be distributed to all **GINETEX** Committees and Global Partners.



## GINETEX PROMOTION

In the course of STYL, the International Fashion, Footwear and Leatherwear Fair in Brno (Czech Republic), a workshop about textile labelling was organized in August 2011. The Treasurer reported about "Does goods marking influence your position on the market?" and underlined the importance of the **GINETEX** care labelling system. Around 50 Czech and Slovakian experts have been present.

The last IAF Convention was held in October in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The **GINETEX** delegation made there some contacts with professional organizations of Australia, China, Columbia, India, South Korea, Taiwan and the USA.

Aside from the EU program developed with Central Asia Countries (Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kirghizstan), Greece and the Netherlands, a meeting was or-

ganized, in November, with **GINETEX** and the representatives of Textile and Apparel Federations of these Central Asian countries to inform them about the usefulness of the care labelling symbols and the information they could provide towards their members, training them to have a clear and correct label while exporting their articles to Europe.

On December 5th, the President and the Treasurer of **GINETEX**, together with the new **GINETEX** committee member Intertek Test Hizmetleri, presented the **GINETEX** care labelling system to 90 Turkish manufacturers and some representatives of the Ministry of Industry.

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