

Canada Issues Guidance on Bamboo Labeling

Canada's Competition Bureau has issued clarification on the proper labeling of textile articles derived from bamboo. The *Textile Labelling Act* (TLA) and *Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations* (TLAR) require consumer textile articles to be labeled accurately in to help consumers make informed purchasing decisions. Specifications for mandatory label information include the generic name of each fiber found in the article and identification of the dealer. The new guidance pertaining to bamboo, issued March 11, 2009, establishes the following:

- Bamboo is not an acceptable generic name for a textile fiber unless bamboo has been mechanically processed from natural bamboo fiber, similar to the process for making flax into linen-like fabrics.
- The appropriate generic name varies depending on which particular cellulose process is used.
- The generic name for a textile fiber that is made from regenerated or precipitated cellulose is "rayon."
- The generic name for a fiber that is made by the cuprammonium process is "cupro," "cupro rayon" "cuprammonium" or "cuprammonium rayon."
- The generic name for a fiber that is made by the viscose process is "viscose" or "viscose rayon."
- The generic name for a fiber that is made by a modified viscose process so that it has a high wet modulus is "modal" or "modal rayon."
- The generic name for a fiber that is made by a solvent extrusion process where no chemical intermediates are formed is "lyocell" or "lyocell rayon."
- For articles made of man-made rayon fibers derived from bamboo, the generic fiber name must first make reference to either "rayon" or the corresponding process outlined in the TLAR, followed by the words "from bamboo."

Link to: [Guidance on Labelling Textile Articles Derived from Bamboo](#)

Link to: [Textile Labelling Act](#)

Link to: [Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations](#)

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