

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Consumer Affairs Division, Department of Industry, Science and Tourism Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Clothing and textile products
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Trade Practices Act 1974 Consumer Product Information Standard: Care Labelling for Clothing and Textile Products (4 pages)
6.	Description of content: Clothing and textile products are to meet the requirements of either - The Australian Standard AS 1957:1987, Care Labelling of Clothing, Household Textiles, Furnishings, Upholstered Furniture, Bedding, Piece Goods and Yarns, or - the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1957:1998, Textiles: Care Labelling.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objective is to ensure that consumers, drycleaners and launderers have information about care procedures and warnings so that: - Consumers will be aware of the method and potential cost of caring for products when buying them; - consumers, drycleaners and launderers can confidently select correct care treatments; - the useful life of articles will be prolonged; and - products are not damaged by improper care
8.	Relevant documents: - Section 65 of the Trade Practices Act 1974; - Trade Practices Act 1974 Consumer Product Information Standard: Care Labelling for Clothing and Textile Products.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 15 July 1998

10. Final date for comments: 15 August 1998. Comments will still be taken into account as the Standard is subject to regular review.

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:

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