



**THE CONSUMER INFORMATION STANDARDS (COUNTRY OF
ORIGIN (CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR) LABELLING)
REGULATIONS 1992**

CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 14th day of December 1992

Present:

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 27 of the Fair Trading Act 1986, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and on the recommendation of the Minister of Consumer Affairs, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Consumer Information Standards (Country of Origin (Clothing and Footwear) Labelling) Regulations 1992.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1993.

2. Application—These regulations apply to all articles of clothing and footwear other than—

(a) Articles of the kind referred to in the Schedule to these regulations:

(b) Secondhand articles of clothing and footwear.

3. Consumer information standard for clothing and footwear prescribed—The following consumer information standard is hereby

prescribed in relation to all articles of clothing and footwear to which these regulations apply:

- (a) Every article of clothing and footwear to which these regulations apply that is supplied, offered for supply, or advertised for supply shall be labelled or marked so as to show the country in which the article was made or produced:
- (b) Articles of clothing shall be labelled with a permanent label that is accessible for examination by a prospective purchaser:
- (c) Where, in relation to an article of clothing, a permanent label is not accessible for examination by a prospective purchaser by reason of the manner in which the article is packaged, displayed, or folded, the country in which the article was made or produced shall, in addition, be stated—
 - (i) On a removable ticket or label attached to the article; or
 - (ii) On a pamphlet accompanying the article; or
 - (iii) On a wrapper or package in which the article is contained:
- (d) Where it is not practicable for any particular article of clothing to be labelled with a permanent label, the country in which the article was made or produced shall be stated—
 - (i) On a removable ticket or label attached to the article; or
 - (ii) On a pamphlet accompanying the article; or
 - (iii) On a wrapper or package in which the article is contained:
- (e) In the case of footwear, the country in which the footwear was made or produced shall be printed, stencilled, branded, or marked on each item of footwear in a manner that is accessible for examination by a prospective purchaser but where, in relation to any particular article of footwear, it is not practicable to do so by reason of the design, composition, or construction of the footwear, the country in which it was made or produced shall be stated—
 - (i) On a removable ticket or label attached to the article; or
 - (ii) On a pamphlet accompanying the article; or
 - (iii) On a wrapper or package in which the article is contained:
- (f) For the purposes of this standard, every label or mark shall be in English and of clear medium width letters of which no individual letter shall be less than 1.5 mm in height.

SCHEDULE

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ARTICLES TO WHICH REGULATIONS DO NOT APPLY

Jewellery; handkerchiefs; handbags; wigs and hairpieces; hair accessories; component parts of footwear and clothing; kneecaps and ankle supports; parts of brassieres, corselete, corsets, braces, suspenders, garters, and similar articles.

BOB MacFARLANE,
Acting for Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 July 1993, prescribe, pursuant to section 27 of the Fair Trading Act 1986, a consumer information standard in relation to clothing and footwear.

The regulations apply to clothing and footwear other than that described in the Schedule to the regulations and secondhand clothing and footwear.

The regulations require articles of clothing and footwear to be labelled or marked so as to show the country of origin and prescribe requirements in relation to such labelling and marking.

It is an offence under section 40 of the Fair Trading Act 1986 to supply, or offer to supply, or advertise to supply goods in respect of which a consumer information standard has been prescribed unless that standard is complied with.

In addition, that Act provides for the granting of injunctions, and specifies other remedies that may be obtained, against persons who contravene Part II of the Act.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.