

## FY2005 Market Monitoring Test Results

**Sample purchase test related to the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law**

**“Skirts”**

(National Institute of Technology and Evaluation)

In FY2005, NITE conducted a sample purchase test of “Skirts” to confirm their compliance with the quality labeling regulations for textile goods (hereinafter referred to as “labeling regulations”) under the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law.

NITE purchased 20 sample skirts for adults available in the market for the test. These products are required to indicate composition of fibers, domestic washing and other handling methods, labeler’s name etc. Following results, 7 samples were deemed noncompliant with the labeling regulations.

Use of non-indicated fabrics was the primary nature of the noncompliance, involving 6 samples. These products failed to declare all fabric composition, and include; a patchwork product using several types of textiles which differ in composition, and a textile using elasticized thread throughout the product for decoration and utility purposes.

The table below shows details of the noncompliance items.

Particulars to be declared	Noncompliant item	Number of samples (*)
Fabric composition	Non-indicated fabrics were used. These products failed to indicate the following in composition labeling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Polyester embroidery thread used for embroidery lace of an outer fabric</li> <li>● Nylon used for lace of a lining</li> <li>● Rayon, nylon, linen and polyurethane synthetic fibers used for an outer fabric</li> <li>● Lame polyester thread used in the main product(s)</li> <li>● Elasticized polyurethane synthetic thread for an outer fabric</li> </ul>	6
	A product failed to indicate the lining sold together with the skirt.	1
	The composition ratio exceeded the allowable margin of error. (±5% or ±4%)	3
	Improper use of a term. A product with no lining labeled using the term “Outer fabric.”	1
Domestic washing and other handling methods	The products contained no care labeling using symbols designated by the labeling regulations.	2

Labeler's name	The labeler's official name was not indicated.	1
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(\*) Each noncompliant item is counted cumulatively when a product has multiple noncompliant items.

NITE presented the test results to noncompliant labelers and conducted hearings with them for their opinions and measures to be taken. The results of the hearings, together with the test results, were reported to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Based on the test results METI has given administrative guidance to the relevant labelers.