COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 6 February 1987

amending Annex II to Council Directive 71/307/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to textile names

(87/140/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 71/307/EEC, of 26 July 1971, on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to textile names [1], as last amended by Directive 83/623/EEC [2], and in particular Article 15a (1) thereof,

Whereas Annex II to Directive 71/307/EEC, which sets out the agreed allowances to be applied to the anhydrous mass of each fibre during the determination by analysis of the fibre content of textile products, gives, in items 1-2 and 3, two different agreed allowances for calculating the composition of carded or combed fibres containing wool and/or animal hair; whereas laboratories cannot always tell whether a product is carded or combed, and consequently inconsistent results can be obtained by applying this provision during checks on the conformity of textile products carried out in the Community; whereas laboratories should therefore be authorized to apply a single agreed allowance in doubtful cases;

Whereas in item 28 in the aforementioned Annex there is no need to distinguish between the different types of polyamide or nylon, the agreed allowances for which should therefore be brought into line;

Whereas in item 38 (glass fibre) the word 'filament' should be deleted since this fibre can also exist in a discontinous form;

Whereas the provisions in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Directives relating to Textile Names and Labelling,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Items 1-2, 3, 28 and 38 in Annex II to Directive 71/307/EEC are hereby amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 September 1988 and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

2. As soon as this Directive has been notified, Member States shall also inform the Commission, in sufficient time for it to submit its comments, of any draft laws, regulations or administrative provisions which they intend to adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 February 1987.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 185, 16. 8. 1971, p. 16.
[2] OJ No L 353, 15. 12. 1983, p. 8.