



Australia Updates Mandatory Care Labelling for Clothing and Textiles

The Australian mandatory standard for care labelling for clothing and textiles has been updated on September 5, 2023, and specifies the labelling requirements for clothing and textile products.

The mandatory standard, the “Consumer Goods (Care Labelling) Information Standard 2023,” replaces “Consumer Product Information Standard Care Labelling for Clothing and Textile Products (Consumer Protection Notice No. 25 of 2010) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2010L02290)” with a transitional period of 18 months.

The mandatory standard, the Consumer Goods (Care Labelling) Information Standard 2023, sets out the mandatory requirements for the labelling of a variety of prescribed textile products.

The mandatory standard requires that textile products, including clothing, textiles, furnishing, suede skins, leathers, and furs have adequate care labelling instructions attached to them.

This mandatory standard is based on certain sections of the voluntary Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1957:1998 Textiles - Care labelling and the International Standard ISO 3758:2012 Textiles—Care Labelling Code using symbols.

The mandatory standard provides transition periods to assist suppliers in adjusting to the new requirements.

During the first transitional period (5 September 2023 – 4 March 2024), suppliers **must** continue to provide a care label written in English but can additionally provide care symbols if they wish.

From the second transitional period (5 March 2024) and afterwards, suppliers **can** provide care instructions written in English **or** by using the international care symbols.

For more details, please refer below link:

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/product-safety-laws/safety-standards-bans/mandatory-standards/care-labelling-for-clothing-and-textiles>

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