



Harris Tweed Act 1993

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PART III

DEFINITION OF HARRIS TWEED

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In this Act “Harris Tweed” means a tweed which—

- (a) has been handwoven by the islanders at their homes in the Outer Hebrides, finished in the Outer Hebrides, and made from pure virgin wool dyed and spun in the Outer Hebrides; and
- (b) possesses such further characteristics as a material is required to possess under regulations from time to time in force under the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1938 (or under regulations from time to time in force under any enactment replacing those provisions) for it to qualify for the application to it, and use with respect to it, of a Harris Tweed trade mark.

8 Additional requirements in relation to Harris Tweed

- (1) Regulations which prescribe additional requirements for the purposes of section 7 (b) above may include such transitional or other provisions as the Registrar or other appropriate officer may think fit concerning the application of the regulations to material which is already in the course of production and additional requirements shall not apply to material the production of which has, at the time when the application for the regulations which prescribe the additional requirements is advertised, already passed the stage at which it would be reasonably practicable to comply with them.
- (2) Without prejudice to any other obligation to which it is subject, the Authority shall—
 - (a) do its best to ensure that any additional requirements become known, as soon as is reasonably practicable, to all those who to the Authority’s knowledge play a part (as suppliers of wool, dyers, spinners, weavers or finishers) in the production of material which falls, or has fallen, within the definition of Harris Tweed and whose part is such that the additional requirements in question are of concern to them; and

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- (b) place copies of the regulations which prescribe the additional requirements, as soon as practicable after they are made in the premises which constitute its official address and in any other premises in the Outer Hebrides which are under its control, and from then onwards (until the regulations cease to be in force) keep such copies available, for inspection and for copying, at all such premises.