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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986 (“the principal Regulations”), as amended by the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 1988 and the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 1994. The principal Regulations, as amended, implement Council and Parliament Directive [96/74/EC](#) (O.J. No. L32, 3.2.1997, p.38), which consolidated Council Directives [71/307/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L185, 16.8.1971, p.16) and [83/623/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L353, 15.12.1983, p.8) and Commission Directive [87/140/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L56, 26.2.1987, p.24).

These Regulations implement Commission Directive [97/37/EC](#) (O.J. No. L169, 27.6.1997, p.74). They add four new fibre names and corresponding fibre descriptions to the list in Schedule 2 of the principal Regulations and they also replace the fibre descriptions corresponding to the fibre names “modal” and “polyamide or nylon” in that list (regulation 2(a)). The Regulations also amend Schedule 3 of the principal Regulations by adding agreed allowances for three of the new textile fibres (regulation 2(b)).

A Regulatory Appraisal has been drawn up by the Department of Trade and Industry and is available from the Trade Descriptions Section, Consumer Affairs and Competition Policy Directorate, Department of Trade and Industry, Room 4.G.23, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET, Telephone 0171 215 0329. Copies have been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.