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WITHDRAWING OF THE CANADIAN STANDARD FOR TEXTILE CARE LABELLING

Last October, the Canadian government withdrew its national voluntary standard CAN/CGSB-86.1-2003, considering that its contents may no longer represent the most current, reliable and/or available information on the subject. For care instructions and symbols on

their textile labels, either companies can now refer to ASTM D5489 standard or to ISO 3758:2012 standard 3758:2012 / **GINETEX** symbols.

Link to the Canadian note: www.publications.gc.ca/site/archivee-archived.html?url=http://www.publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2017/ongc-cgsb/P29-086-001-2003-eng.pdf

A JOINT EUROPEAN INITIATIVE: PRECIOUS TIPS FOR DOING YOUR LAUNDRY – SUSTAINABLY!

On June 5th, 2018, APPLIA, A.I.S.E. and GINETEX joined to publish a list of tips to help consumers decrease their energetic footprint when doing their laundry, on a day-to-day basis.

The set of tips includes the optimal use of a washing machine or laundry detergent while keeping our favourite clothes as new. It all starts with the need to keep and read the labels on which the care instructions appear, through a set of 5 to 7 symbols. These are deliberately printed by the brands to fully inform their consumers.

“By changing our day-to-day habits just a little and by following these easy to use tips, each one of us will be able to have a direct, positive impact on the environment. In doing so, we will also help to increase our textiles’ lifespan and save money. This common initiative between A.I.S.E., APPLiA and GINETEX, on a European level, demonstrates the importance of join-

ing our efforts to achieve sustainable textile laundry – for the benefit of our common consumers, our brand members and our planet!” said Adam Mansell, President of GINETEX.



- Swiss member of APPLiA: [FEA](#), Swiss Association of home appliances and for industry, Zurich
- Swiss member of A.I.S.E.: [SKW](#), Swiss Cosmetic and Detergent Association, Zurich

More information you will find on the [GINETEX-Webseite](#).

ISO



ISO 3758 - TEXTILES - CARE LABELLING CODE USING SYMBOLS

The first meeting for the revision of the care labelling standard ISO3758:2012 took already place. Among several topics, the discussion evolved around the cor-

rect care symbol for dry cleaning because the ISO3175-1 à 4-Textiles-Professional care, dry cleaning and wet cleaning of fabrics and garments – was revised lately.

This series of standards concern a treatment used by dry cleaners. The dilemma lies in the drying temperature. The revised standard 3175 says that if a hydrocarbon solvent is used, the temperature may be raised up to 70°. However, this temperature is higher than the temperature used with the stronger solvent of tetrachloroethene. Therefore, it is difficult foreseeing whether this raised temperature by 10° is damaging very delicate parts of textiles. We will keep you informed about possible impacts.

An additional point for discussion is the ISO standard 7000:2014 - Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Registered symbols. Some of the care symbols are not identical in this standard compared with the symbols in ISO 3758, care labelling code. GINETEX will provide the secretary of the ISO standard 7000 with the respective symbols used in ISO standard 3758.



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You will find some new additions in the version 8 of the Technical Booklet. Version 8 is available as a [download PDF](#) in the extranet of our website. Alternatively, you can order it at [the office](#).

The following chapters were amended or inserted:

- **Chapter 03.7, page 18:** “Combination of pictogram for symbols and labels” informs that the one row configuration of more than five symbols is accepted by GINETEX if certain countries require a single row only by law. Moreover,

GINETEX recommends a single row when printing symbols of more than one standard on a care label.

- **Chapter 11, page 49:** “clevercare.info”: this new chapter contains short information on the use of the clevercare.info logo.
- ISO accredited Testing Laboratories supporting GINETEX, page 50: GINETEX is pleased to update its list with three new German testing laboratories.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 BY WRITING



ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017

The annual report 2017 and the audited annual financial statement 2017 were approved by voting in writing per end of June 2018. If you like a printed version of the annual report 2017, please order it [by mail](#). A [PDF version](#) can also be downloaded in the Extranet of our website (German version only). The auditors, Budliger Treuhand AG, Zurich, were confirmed for 2018.

BUDGET 2019

The budget 2019 was approved by voting in writing. The member fees, the [annual license fee](#) and the [annual label fees](#) will remain the same in 2019.

BOARD

We regret that Mrs. Daniela Suter and Mr. Jürg Depierraz resigned from the board. We gratefully acknowledge their active cooperation as board members for many years. We wish them all the best for their future to come.

Mrs. Melanie Saner, managing director of the association Textile Care Switzerland, VTS, has been elected as a new board member. We warmly welcome her and look forward to working together with her and benefiting from her knowledge.

The latest list with all board members can be found on [our website](#).

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

All members of the Technical Committee were informed in writing about the international and normative activities in 2017.

We are pleased to inform you that Dr. Beat Müller, Steinfels Swiss, was elected as a new member of the Technical Committee. Congratulations.

The latest list of the member of the Technical Committee can be found on [our website](#).

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