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## ISO 3758:2012 REVISION UPDATE



[THIS YEAR, INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS MET TO DISCUSS HOW TO ADAPT THE ISO 3758 STANDARD, PUBLISHED IN 2012, TO MARKET EVOLUTIONS.](#)

Beginning of November 2018, in Lyon, France, around twenty-five international experts met for a second time this year to work on the revision of the ISO 3758 standard.

The objectives of this revision are twofold: to respond to market changes efficiently, and to gather different experts from over the world to share technical advice and expertise.

At the present time, the working group is discussing different matters on professional cleaning issues such as new solvents, etc. and are preparing a few amendments to the text of the standard itself.

The next meeting will take place in May 2019 in Paris, France.



## INTERNATIONAL REGULATION UPDATES



AS USUAL, GINETEX IS PLEASED TO SHARE THE LATEST RELEVANT UPDATES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES' NATIONAL REGULATIONS. WE HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU.

**KOREAN REGULATION UPDATE:** Revision of safety standards in lab tests in South Korea

In an effort to better protect the health and safety of young Korean consumers, national authorities passed a new regulation putting in place new tests for infant and children's textile products entering the Korean market. It is important to test these products in an approved laboratory. If the results are satisfactory and abide by Korean standards, the "KC Mark" must be attached to the label.

In January 2017, the Korean minister of Trade, Industry and Energy published two amended texts on testing rules for products for infants and children's leather products. These texts entered into force on 1 February 2018, but South Korean laboratories implemented them more recently.

The first text adds that Nonylphenol and Nonylphenol Ethoxylates must have a total concentration of less than 100 mg/kg in infant's textile products. Similarly, cadmium must have a concentration of less than 75 mg/kg. It also changes the requirement of Disperse Dyes from prohibited to a limitation of 50 mg/kg (each).

The second text regulates infant and children's leather products and children's textile products, and contains the same provisions as in the first text. In addition, it changes the requirement of Cr VI from 0.5 mg/kg to 3 mg/kg in infant's leather products.

Both original texts in Korean can be downloaded below (please note that the .hwp requires a specific program to open the documents)

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### NO. 2017-16

<http://www.kats.go.kr/content.do?cmsid=239&mode=view&page=6&cid=19085>

### NO. 2017-17

<http://www.kats.go.kr/content.do?cmsid=239&mode=view&page=6&cid=19086>

**UPDATE** – Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the attachment of KC mark on the product is no longer needed for adult textile products (KATS Notification No. 2018-194 and 2018-195).

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## COLOMBIAN REGULATION UPDATE: Revision of the Care Labelling Resolution in Colombia

On July 13<sup>th</sup> 2018, Colombia adopted Resolution n° 1373, amending some provisions included in Resolution n° 1950 of 2009. First, the document specifies the definitions of the terms “permanent label” and “non-permanent label”.

To be considered permanent, a label must be “sewn or fixed to the textile product through thermofixing, or any other method guaranteeing the permanence of the information on the product”. A non-permanent label must “be placed on any removable part comprising the product”.

Second, Paragraph 5.2 in article 5 of the 1950 Resolution was changed, to add the following products: compression stockings, tights, stockings, socks, gloves, fingerless gloves, mittens, bras, corsets, girdles, tissues, shawls, headscarves, mufflers, veils, ties, among others.

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## RUSSIAN REGULATION UPDATE: Russia introduces The Eurasian Conformity Mark (EAC)

Textile products must undergo the conformity assessment procedure before exporting to Russia and to the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, and Kyrgyzstan).

Please note that the EAC certification can only be applied for by a company established in the territory of the Customs Union, and that an authorized representative within the Customs Union is required. This certification process establishes the conformity of the products with the EAEU technical regulations, related to labelling, toxicity, and safety. Textile products fall under the technical regulation TR CU 017/2011 on safety of light industry products.

During the conformity assessment procedure, the entity, based in one of the EAEU member states, provides the authorities with information on the manufacturer, the origin of the product, test reports and information to be put on the label. What’s more, the Russian government published a new rule regarding labelling which, starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, will require the addition of a comprehensive code ensuring the product traceability. The implementation of this new rule is not clear yet.

Recently, controls by authorities were strengthened and an appraisal system has been put into place. This monitoring system of exporters consists of more than 30 criteria and the evaluation is used in the final decision regarding the certification. A non-satisfactory evaluation can affect the goods clearing procedure at the custom office.

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