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and Transportation

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## AN ACT

To amend the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to revise  
the requirements for labeling of certain wool and cash-  
mere products.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Wool Suit Fabric La-  
3 beling Fairness and International Standards Conforming  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. LABELING OF WOOL AND CASHMERE PRODUCTS TO**  
6 **FACILITATE COMPLIANCE AND PROTECT**  
7 **CONSUMERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(a) of the Wool Products  
9 Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b(a)) is amended by  
10 adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

11 “(5) In the case of a wool product stamped, tagged,  
12 labeled, or otherwise identified as—

13 “(A) ‘Super 80’s’ or ‘80’s’, if the average di-  
14 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
15 average 19.75 microns or finer;

16 “(B) ‘Super 90’s’ or ‘90’s’, if the average di-  
17 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
18 average 19.25 microns or finer;

19 “(C) ‘Super 100’s’ or ‘100’s’, if the average di-  
20 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
21 average 18.75 microns or finer;

22 “(D) ‘Super 110’s’ or ‘110’s’, if the average di-  
23 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
24 average 18.25 microns or finer;

1           “(E) ‘Super 120’s’ or ‘120’s’, if the average di-  
2           ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
3           average 17.75 microns or finer;

4           “(F) ‘Super 130’s’ or ‘130’s’, if the average di-  
5           ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
6           average 17.25 microns or finer;

7           “(G) ‘Super 140’s’ or ‘140’s’, if the average di-  
8           ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
9           average 16.75 microns or finer;

10          “(H) ‘Super 150’s’ or ‘150’s’, if the average di-  
11          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
12          average 16.25 microns or finer;

13          “(I) ‘Super 160’s’ or ‘160’s’, if the average di-  
14          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
15          average 15.75 microns or finer;

16          “(J) ‘Super 170’s’ or ‘170’s’, if the average di-  
17          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
18          average 15.25 microns or finer;

19          “(K) ‘Super 180’s’ or ‘180’s’, if the average di-  
20          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
21          average 14.75 microns or finer;

22          “(L) ‘Super 190’s’ or ‘190’s’, if the average di-  
23          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
24          average 14.25 microns or finer;

1           “(M) ‘Super 200’s’ or ‘200’s’, if the average di-  
2           ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
3           average 13.75 microns or finer;

4           “(N) ‘Super 210’s’ or ‘210’s’, if the average di-  
5           ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
6           average 13.25 microns or finer;

7           “(O) ‘Super 220’s’ or ‘220’s’, if the average di-  
8           ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
9           average 12.75 microns or finer;

10          “(P) ‘Super 230’s’ or ‘230’s’, if the average di-  
11          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
12          average 12.25 microns or finer;

13          “(Q) ‘Super 240’s’ or ‘240’s’, if the average di-  
14          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
15          average 11.75 microns or finer; and

16          “(R) ‘Super 250’s’ or ‘250’s’, if the average di-  
17          ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not  
18          average 11.25 microns or finer.

19 In each such case, the average fiber diameter of such wool  
20 product may be subject to such standards or deviations  
21 as adopted by regulation by the Commission.

22          “(6) In the case of a wool product stamped, tagged,  
23 labeled, or otherwise identified as cashmere, if—

1           “(A) such wool product is not the fine  
2           (dehaired) undercoat fibers produced by a cashmere  
3           goat (*capra hircus laniger*);

4           “(B) the average diameter of the fiber of such  
5           wool product exceeds 19 microns; or

6           “(C) such wool product contains more than 3  
7           percent (by weight) of cashmere fibers with average  
8           diameters that exceed 30 microns.

9           The average fiber diameter may be subject to a coefficient  
10          of variation around the mean that shall not exceed 24 per-  
11          cent.”.

12          (b) **APPLICABILITY DATE.**—The amendments made  
13          by this section shall apply to wool products manufactured  
14          on or after January 1, 2007.

          Passed the House of Representatives September 19,  
2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*