

DIRECTIVES

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2007/3/EC

of 2 February 2007

amending, for the purposes of their adaptation to technical progress, Annexes I and II to Directive 96/74/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile names

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

Directive 96/74/EC is amended as follows:

Having regard to Directive 96/74/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 on textile names ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 16(1) thereof,

1. In Annex I the following row 46 is added:

'46	Elastolefin	Fibre composed of at least 95 % (by mass) of macromolecules partially cross-linked, made up from ethylene and at least one other olefin and which, when stretched to one and a half times its original length and released, recovers rapidly and substantially to its initial length'
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Whereas:

(1) Directive 96/74/EC lays down rules governing the labelling or marking of products as regards their textile fibre content, in order to ensure that consumer interests are thereby protected. Textile products may be placed on the market within the Community only if they comply with the provisions of that Directive.

2. In Annex II the following entry 46 is added:

'46	Elastolefin	1,50'
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(2) In view of recent findings by a technical working group, it is necessary, for the purposes of adapting Directive 96/74/EC to technical progress, to add the fibre elastolefin to the list of fibres set out in the Annexes I and II to that Directive.

(3) Directive 96/74/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Directives relating to Textile Names and Labelling,

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 2 February 2008 at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 32, 3.2.1997, p. 38. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2006/3/EC (OJ L 5, 10.1.2006, p. 14).

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 February 2007.

For the Commission
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Vice-President
