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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 1401**

**TRADE DESCRIPTIONS**

The Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2005

*Made* - - - - 23rd May 2005  
*Laid before Parliament* 25th May 2005  
*Coming into force* - - 1st October 2005

The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated<sup>(1)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in relation to measures relating to consumer protection, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by that section, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 1st October 2005.

2.—(1) The Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986<sup>(3)</sup> are amended as follows—

(a) in Part I of Schedule 2, by inserting the following entry after 28C—

<b>Nos.</b>	<b>Column 1 Name</b>	<b>Column 2 Fibre Description</b>
28D	Poly lactide	Fibre formed of linear macro-molecules having in the chain at least 85% (by mass) of lactic acid ester units derived from naturally occurring sugars, and which has a melting temperature of at least 135 °C.

(b) in Schedule 3, by inserting the following entry after 28C—

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(1) S.I.1993/2661.

(2) 1972 c. 68.

(3) S.I. 1986/26, as amended by S.I. 1988/1350, S.I. 1994/450 and S.I. 1998/1169. Entries 28A to 28C in Part I of Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 were inserted by regs. 2(a)(v) and 2(b) respectively of S.I. 1998/1169.

<b>Fibre No in Schedule 2</b>	<b>Fibre</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
28D	Polylactide	1.50

23rd May 2005

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations implement Commission Directive [2004/34/EC](#) amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annexes I and II to Directive [96/74/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile names (O.J. No. L89, 26.3.2004, p.35). They amend the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986 (“the principal Regulations”), which implement Council Directive [96/74/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 on textile names (O.J. No. L32, 3.2.1971, p.38). This Directive 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 add a new entry in relation to polylactide to the list in Schedule 2 of the principal Regulations, and they also amend Schedule 3 of the principal Regulations by adding the agreed tolerance for polylactide.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the consumer pages of the DTI website at [www.dti.gov.uk/ccp](http://www.dti.gov.uk/ccp).