

Directive 94/11/EC of European Parliament and Council of 23 March 1994 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer

Article 1

1 This Directive shall apply to the labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer.

For the purposes of this Directive, ‘footwear’ shall mean all articles with applied soles designed to protect or cover the foot, including parts marketed separately as referred to in Annex I.

A non-exhaustive list of the products covered by the Directive appears in Annex II.

The following shall be excluded from the Directive:

- second-hand, worn footwear,
- protective footwear covered by Directive 89/686/EEC⁽¹⁾,
- footwear covered by Directive 76/769/EEC⁽²⁾,
- toy footwear.

2 Information on the composition of footwear shall be conveyed by means of labelling as specified in Article 4.

- (i) The labelling shall convey information relating to the three parts of the footwear as defined in Annex I, namely:
 - (a) the upper;
 - (b) the lining and sock; and
 - (c) the outersole.
- (ii) The composition of the footwear shall be indicated as specified in Article 4 on the basis either of pictograms or of written indications for specific materials, as stipulated in Annex I.
- (iii) In the case of the upper, classification of the materials shall be determined on the basis of the provisions contained in Article 4 (1) and in Annex I, no account being taken of accessories or reinforcements such as ankle patches, edging, ornamentation, buckles, tabs, eyelet stays or similar attachments.
- (iv) In the case of the outersole, classification shall be based on the volume of the materials contained therein, in accordance with Article 4.

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- (1) [OJ No L 399, 30. 12. 1989, p. 18.](#)
- (2) [OJ No L 262, 27. 9. 1976, p. 201.](#)