

Elastolefin Fibre is added to the European Permitted Generic Names

As from February 2007, a new generic name (no. 46 in the annex) has been added to those permitted for labelling textiles within the European Community. European Directive 2007/3/EC refers to elastolefins as follows .

Elastolefin, is a 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 original length.

The definition gives the moisture content at 1.5%.

The USA rules (16 CFR Part 303) permit the use of the names "Olefin" or "Lastol" for such a fibre. It should be noted that these names are not permitted generic names for use in the European system.

Test Methods: The test methods for the analysis of binary mixtures (96/73/EC) have also been amended to take account of this addition and this amendment is given in European Directive 2007/4/EC.

National laws of countries within the EU and EEA must be amended accordingly by 02.02.2008 at the latest.

The amendment to the Directive concerning fibre composition analysis (2007/4/EC) adds further reagents to the list of those previously existing and the Table of "Special Methods" is extensively amended to take account of this addition.



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