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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. FRIST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. LABELING OF WOOL AND CASHMERE PRODUCTS TO**
2 **FACILITATE COMPLIANCE AND PROTECT**
3 **CONSUMERS.**

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

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

9 “(i) ‘Super 80’s’ or ‘80’s’, if the average
10 diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
11 does not average 19.75 microns or finer;

12 “(ii) ‘Super 90’s’ or ‘90’s’, if the average
13 diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
14 does not average 19.25 microns or finer;

15 “(iii) ‘Super 100’s’ or ‘100’s’, if the aver-
16 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
17 does not average 18.75 microns or finer;

18 “(iv) ‘Super 110’s’ or ‘110’s’, if the aver-
19 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
20 does not average 18.25 microns or finer;

21 “(v) ‘Super 120’s’ or ‘120’s’, if the average
22 diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
23 does not average 17.75 microns or finer;

24 “(vi) ‘Super 130’s’ or ‘130’s’, if the aver-
25 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
26 does not average 17.25 microns or finer;

1 “(vii) ‘Super 140’s’ or ‘140’s’, if the aver-
 2 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 3 does not average 16.75 microns or finer;

4 “(viii) ‘Super 150’s’ or ‘150’s’, if the aver-
 5 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 6 does not average 16.25 microns or finer;

7 “(ix) ‘Super 160’s’ or ‘160’s’, if the aver-
 8 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 9 does not average 15.75 microns or finer;

10 “(x) ‘Super 170’s’ or ‘170’s’, if the average
 11 diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 12 does not average 15.25 microns or finer;

13 “(xi) ‘Super 180’s’ or ‘180’s’, if the aver-
 14 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 15 does not average 14.75 microns or finer;

16 “(xii) ‘Super 190’s’ or ‘190’s’, if the aver-
 17 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 18 does not average 14.25 microns or finer;

19 “(xiii) ‘Super 200’s’ or ‘200’s’, if the aver-
 20 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 21 does not average 13.75 microns or finer;

22 “(xiv) ‘Super 210’s’ or ‘210’s’, if the aver-
 23 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 24 does not average 13.25 microns or finer;

1 “(xv) ‘Super 220’s’ or ‘220’s’, if the aver-
 2 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 3 does not average 12.75 microns or finer;

4 “(xvi) ‘Super 230’s’ or ‘230’s’, if the aver-
 5 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 6 does not average 12.25 microns or finer;

7 “(xvii) ‘Super 240’s’ or ‘240’s’, if the aver-
 8 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product
 9 does not average 11.75 microns or finer; and

10 “(xviii) ‘Super 250’s’ or ‘250’s’, if the av-
 11 erage diameter of wool fiber of such wool prod-
 12 uct does not average 11.25 microns or finer.

13 “(B) In each case described in subparagraph
 14 (A), the average fiber diameter of the wool product
 15 may be subject to such other standards or deviations
 16 as adopted by regulation by the Commission.

17 “(6)(A) In the case of a wool product stamped,
 18 tagged, labeled, or otherwise identified as cashmere,
 19 if—

20 “(i) such wool product is not the fine
 21 (dehaired) undercoat fibers produced by a cash-
 22 mere goat (*capra hircus laniger*);

23 “(ii) the average diameter of the fiber of
 24 such wool product exceeds 19 microns; or

1 “(iii) such wool product contains more
2 than 3 percent (by weight) of cashmere fibers
3 with average diameters that exceed 30 microns.

4 “(B) The average fiber diameter for each prod-
5 uct described in subparagraph (A) may be subject to
6 a coefficient of variation around the mean that does
7 not exceed 24 percent.”.

8 (b) APPLICABILITY DATE.—The amendments made
9 by this section apply to wool products manufactured on
10 or after January 1, 2007.

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