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To amend the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, the Tariff Act of 1930, and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to improve the labeling of textile fiber and wool products.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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A BILL

To amend the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, the Tariff Act of 1930, and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to improve the labeling of textile fiber and wool products.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Textile Fiber and Wool Products Identification Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4 of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(5) If it is a textile fiber product processed or manufactured in the United States, it be so identified.".

SEC. 3. Subsection (e) of section 4 of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) For purposes of this Act, in addition to the textile fiber products contained therein, a package of textile fiber products intended for sale to the ultimate consumer shall be misbranded unless such package has affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification bearing the information required by subsection (b), with respect to such contained textile fiber products, or is transparent to the extent it allows for the clear reading of the stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification on the textile fiber product.".

SEC. 4. Section 4 of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(i) For the purposes of this Act, a textile fiber product shall be considered to be falsely or deceptively advertised unless the same information as that required to be shown on the stamp, tag, label, or other identification under subsection (b) (4) or (5) of this section is contained in the heading, body, or other part of any written catalog or other advertisement

which is used to aid, promote, or assist directly or indirectly in the sale or offering for sale of such textile product.

"(j) For purposes of this Act, an imported textile fiber product shall be misbranded if a stamp, tag, label, or other identification conforming to the requirements of this section is not on or affixed to such product in the most conspicuous place on the inner side of such product, unless it is on or affixed on the outer side of such product.".

SEC. 5. Subsection (c) of section 304 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304) is amended by adding "to the country of origin" after "exported".

SEC. 6. Paragraph (2) of section 4(a) of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraphs:

"(5) If it is an imported wool product without the name of the country where processed or manufactured.

"(6) If it is a wool product processed or manufactured in the United States, it shall be so identified.".

SEC. 7. Section 4 of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68B) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(i) For the purposes of this Act, a wool product shall be considered to be falsely or deceptively advertised unless the same information as that required to be shown on the stamp, tag, label, or other identification under subsection (a) (5) or

(6) of this section is contained in the heading, body, or other part of any written catalog or other advertisement which is used to aid, promote, or assist directly or indirectly in the sale or offering for sale of such wool product.

"(j) For purposes of this Act, and imported wool product shall be misbranded if a stamp, tag, label, or other identification conforming to the requirements of this section is not on or affixed to such product in the most conspicuous place on the inner side of such product, unless it is on or affixed on the outer side of such product.".

SEC. 8. Section 5 of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68c) is amended—

(1) by striking out "Any person" in the first paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof "(a) Any person",

(2) by striking out "Any person" in the second paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof "(b) Any person", and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) (as designated by this section) the following new subsection:

"(c) For the purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, any package of wool products intended for sale to the ultimate consumer shall also be considered a wool product and shall have affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification bearing the information required by section 4, with respect to the wool products contained there-

in, unless such package of wool products is transparent to the extent that it allows for the clear reading of the stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification affixed to the wool product.".

SEC. 9. The amendments made by this Act shall be effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

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