Stuffing and Stuffed Articles

An Overview of Laws and Regulations in Canada
Jurisdictions

• Canada (Federal Government)
  ⇒ Textile labelling
  The *Textile Labelling Act* and the *Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations,*
  ⇒ that apply everywhere in Canada.

• Québec, Ontario and Manitoba (Provincial Governments)
  ⇒ Stuffing and stuffed articles
  Each of these provinces has a law and regulations on stuffing and stuffed articles,
  ⇒ that apply only within the province.

To protect and inform consumers.
Articles subject to the *Textile Labelling Act* and the *Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations* (US Textile and Wool Acts)

«consumer textile articles»

*Which include*:

- any textile fibre, yarn or fabric, or
- any product made in whole or in part from a textile fibre, yarn or fabric
- to be sold to any person for use.

*Which do not include*:

- textile fibre products which are to be used in the manufacturing, processing or finishing process.
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Some examples:

- Jackets
- Pants, shorts, suits, shirts and sweaters
- Sports clothing
- Dresses, bathrobes,
- Towels, sheets, bed pillows, and pillow cases
- Draperies, drapery liners and curtains
- Sleeping bags
- Scarves and gloves
- Diapers
- Neckties
- Table cloths, dish cloths, dish towels and wash cloths
- Covers and pads for ironing boards and sleeve boards

Some exemptions:

- Articles intended for a one-time use only
- Overshoes, boots, shoes, indoor slippers, footwear liners, insoles
- Handbags, luggage, carrying cases, brushes
- Toys, ornaments, pictures, lamp shades, tapestries, wall hangings, wall coverings, room dividers,
- Screens, book covers, book marks, gift wrap, flags, pennants
- Sports and games equipment other than sport garments
- Pet accessories
- Carpet underpadding
- Musical instruments and accessories
Textile labelling - Federal Government

Each «consumer textile article» must have applied to it a label showing:

• the generic name of each textile fibre comprising five per cent or more by mass of the total fibre mass of the article,
• such percentage by mass of the total fibre mass of the article as each textile fibre,
• the identity of the person by or for whom the consumer textile article was manufactured or made,

as prescribed by the *Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations*.

No permit nor registration needed
(although some textile articles must be covered by an import permit issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade).
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| **ACME Enterprise Inc.**  
**226, Anywhere Street**  
**Buffalo, NY**  
75% Polyester  
25% Cotton/Coton  |
| **ACME Enterprise Inc.**  
**226, Anywhere Street**  
**Buffalo, NY**  
Outer Shell/Extérieur:  
100% cotton/coton  
Filling/Remplissage:  
100% polyester  |
| **ACME Enterprise Inc.**  
**226, Anywhere Street**  
**Buffalo, NY**  
Dress/Robe:  
100% wool/laine  
Lining/Doublure:  
100% rayon/rayonne  |
| **ACME Enterprise Inc.**  
**226, Anywhere Street**  
**Buffalo, NY**  
100% reclaimed wool/laine récupérée  |
| **ACME Enterprise Inc.**  
**226, Anywhere Street**  
**Buffalo, NY**  
100% reprocessed wool/laine retransformée  |
| **ACME Enterprise Inc.**  
**226, Anywhere Street**  
**Buffalo, NY**  
100% reused wool/laine réutilisée  |
Textile labelling - Federal Government

- Permanent or non-permanent labels.
- Bilingual requirements (English / French)
- Labelling of prepackaged consumer textile articles.
- Textile labels may provide other information (size, care, country of origin). When provided, this information must appear in a manner which is neither false nor misleading.
- CA Identification Number: Canadian manufacturers of a textile fibre product or Canadians engaged in the business of importing or selling any textile fibre products are allowed to register for a CA Identification Number.
Stuffing and stuffed articles
Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

• In Québec, Ontario and Manitoba: businesses must comply with each province’s law and regulations on stuffing and stuffed articles.

• In others provinces or in the Territories: no local laws nor regulations on stuffing and stuffed articles.
Stuffing and stuffed articles
Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

• Québec : Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation (MDEIE)
  Direction du commerce
  > Chief Inspector + 2 Technicians
  > Director + Advisor + 2 Inspectors

• Ontario : Ministry of Consumer Services
  ↪ Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA)

• Manitoba : Department of Healthy Living, Seniors and Consumer Affairs
  Consumer Protection Office
Stuffing and stuffed articles
Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

- Harmonization of laws and regulations
  Provincial laws and regulations have been harmonized in 1995.

- Mutual recognition of permit numbers
  To simplify manufacturing, any permit number from Québec, Ontario or Manitoba may be printed on the prescribed label as long as the manufacturer has a valid permit in the province where the articles are to be sold.
Provincial laws and regulations on stuffing and stuffed articles apply to all stuffing materials and stuffed articles of any kind:

- bedding;
- furniture;
- sports equipment;
- sleeping bags;
- jackets;
- soft toys;
- and many others

Few exceptions:

- stuffed articles which form an integral part of a vehicle or an aeroplane;
- life-saving equipment bearing a stamp or label of approval of the Department of Transport of the Government of Canada;
- accessories for domestic animals, coffins and shoes;
- stuffing and stuffed articles used as thermal or acoustic insulation in the construction of immovables;
- Stuffing and stuffed articles used for the packing and in the manufacture of clothing, except those containing various linters used as thermal insulators or as protectors.
Stuffing and stuffed articles
Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

1) Must contain new and clean stuffing material only.

• For manufacturing or renovating any stuffed article.

• List of approved stuffing in provincial regulations. (for example, chalk pellets are not on this list, so can’t be use as stuffing material in Québec)

• No : recycled (stuffing made from used textiles). Yes : refabricated (stuffing made from reprocessed manufactured textiles).
Stuffing and stuffed articles Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

2) Must hold a permit from each province in which the stuffing or the stuffed articles are to be sold. Each factory must hold its own permit.

- Manufacturer's permit: 318 $ / year in Québec
  400 $ / year in Ontario and Manitoba

- Renovator's permit 80 $ / year in Québec
  85 $ / year in Ontario and Manitoba

- Craftperson's permit
  > Class 1 craftperson's permit: to a person who manufactures fewer than 100 stuffed articles per year (19 $ / year in Québec)
  > Class 2 craftperson's permit: to a person who manufactures between 100 and 499 stuffed articles per year (44 $ / year in Québec)
  > Class 3 craftperson's permit: to a person who manufactures between 500 and 999 stuffed articles per year (94 $ / year in Québec)
  > 20 $ / year in Ontario and Manitoba
Stuffing and stuffed articles Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

3) Must affix on the article a label as prescribed by the regulations
Stuffing and stuffed articles
Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

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<td>New material only</td>
<td>9 X 6.4</td>
<td>white</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>New material only</td>
<td>2,5 X 7</td>
<td>white</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>New material only</td>
<td>1.3 X 5.5</td>
<td>white</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Renovated article</td>
<td>5 X 7</td>
<td>green</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Second-hand article</td>
<td>7 X 5</td>
<td>yellow</td>
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<td>Off sale</td>
<td>14 X 8</td>
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The size given does not include the attaching trim nor the extension used to print the following:

- the manufacturer's name as desired;
- the nature of the 3 main forms of stuffing;
- inscriptions as prescribed or permitted under other Acts.
Stuffing and stuffed articles
Québec, Ontario and Manitoba

• Materials for labels

Labels shall be of muslin or imitation vellum or laminated thermoplastic fabric (except for use on clothing) that does not fray by wear, nor tear easily. Any other material shall be approved by the chief inspector.

• Attachment of labels:

Labels shall be attached in a place where they may be easily seen;

Labels shall be sewn to one of the seams of the article, solidly attached with staples or solidly glued;

Usually one label is sufficient for each separate article. In the case of an upholstered or stuffed article made up of several identical pieces sold as a set, only one label may be attached to one of the pieces, in order to reduce the number of labels.
Online Registration System

• Québec developed and implemented a new online registration system for application and renewal of stuffing and stuffed articles permits, known as the GLR : Gestion de la Loi sur le Rembourrage or Managing the Stuffing Act.

• This online registration system enables manufacturers, importers, renovators and craftspersons to apply for a permit or renew it online.

• They can pay with a credit card online,

• They have direct access to all their files and can update them online.

• Of course, this system is available 24h/24h.
Apply for a new permit

Permit information

For the permit requested:

* Are you an importer?  
  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

* Please give your status:  
  ☐ Manufacturer  ☐ Repairer  ☐ Craftsperson  ☐ Other

If you are a third party, please complete the PDF form, have it signed by the manufacturer or importer you are acting on behalf of, and put it in the mail.

* What type of permit would you like?
  ☐ A - Manufacturer  305.00 $ CAD
  ☐ B - Repairer  77.00 $ CAD
  ☐ AB - Manufacturer/Repairer  382.00 $ CAD
  ☐ BC3 - Craftsperson/Repairer (500 to 999 articles)  167.00 $ CAD
  ☐ BC2 - Craftsperson/Repairer (100 to 499 articles)  119.00 $ CAD
  ☐ BC1 - Craftsperson/Repairer (1 to 99 articles)  95.00 $ CAD
  ☐ C3 - Craftsperson (500 to 999 articles)  90.00 $ CAD
  ☐ C2 - Craftsperson (100 to 499 articles)  42.00 $ CAD
  ☐ C1 - Craftsperson (1 to 99 articles)  18.00 $ CAD

* Does the importer require an exclusive permit number for the manufacturer?  
  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

* What stuffed article do you need a permit for?  
  
  If you did not find the article(s) listed, please specify:
  

* What types of stuffing are used in the stuffed articles?  
  
  If you did not find the material(s) listed, please specify:
  

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[Cancel my permit application without saving]
Apply for a new permit

**Importer information**

- Business: [ ]
- Address: [ ]
- City: [ ]
- Country: [ ]
- Province: [ ]
- Postal code: [ ]

**Resource person information**:

- Mr.: [ ]
- First name: [ ]
- Name: [ ]
- Telephone No.: [ ] Ext.: [ ]
- Fax: [ ]
- Email address: [ ]
- Language: [French] [ ]
- Means of communication: [Regular mail] [ ]
- Comments: [ ]

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Apply for a new permit

Step 1: Permit information

Are you an importer?
No
Please give your status:
Manufacturer
What type of permit would you like?
A - Manufacturer
Does the importer require an exclusive permit number for the manufacturer?
No
What stuffed article do you need a permit for?
Furniture
What types of stuffing are used in the stuffed articles?
Acrylic

Step 2: Manufacturer information

Business:
enterprise X Inc.
Address:
rue de l'Entreprise X Inc.
City:
Taipei
Country:
TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA
Postal code:
10005

Resource person information:

Sex:
Mr.
First name:
Tina
Name:
Lee
Telephone No.:
+886225555555
Email address:
tina@lee.tw
Language:
English
Means of communication:
Email

Step 3: Importer information

NO IMPORTER
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Amount contributed: 77.00 CAD (~ 72.10 USD)
Category: B - Repairer
Period: July 9, 2010 to July 8, 2011

Steps to complete your application

- Pay by credit card
- Pay by cheque

- Pay online on the Ministère des Finances website.
- Please note: To complete your application, you must print and sign the application form. We will send you your permit once we have received the signed form.
- Mail the form to the following address:

  Direction du commerce et de la construction
  Ministère du développement économique, de l'innovation et de l'exportation
  380, rue Saint-Antoine Ouest, 4e étage, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 3X7
  Canada
References

- **Canada - Textile labelling**
  Government of Canada - The Competition Bureau
  Web site: http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca
  Guide to the Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations

- **Québec**
  Gouvernement du Québec – Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation

- **Ontario**
  Technical Standards and Safety Authority
  Web site: www.tssa.org

- **Manitoba**
  Government of Manitoba - Consumer Protection Office
  Web site: http://www.gov.mb.ca/cca/cpo/