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IN THE USA

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This specification is applicable to **Woolmark** branded products produced and sold in the United States of America (USA) assuming that the products also meet other appropriate specifications. The same requirements apply for products manufactured elsewhere and imported into the USA *except that no thread waste may be included* (see 'Notes').

1. Products made wholly of Pure New Wool.
2. Products made of Pure New Wool and
 - a) containing up to 5% non-wool fibre for decoration and/or
 - b) containing specific fine animal hairs.
3. Pure New Wool socks with non-wool fibre present as reinforcement in toe and heel.
4. Pure New Wool underwear with non-wool fibre present as reinforcement in special areas.
5. Pure New Wool products with non-wool fibre in minor proportions for specific technical effect.

NOTES

1. 'Pure New Wool' includes fibre from the fleece of the sheep or lamb (wool). Up to 10% of the manufacturer's own thread waste may be included in the blend (except in the case of imported products) but otherwise the fibres must not previously have been spun into yarn or felted, nor previously have been incorporated in a finished product.
2. Included are fleece wool, skin wool, wool fibres from soft untwisted wastes such as loosely connected wool fibres obtained as a by-product of the carding or combing of previously unprocessed wool, broken tops, noils, roving wastes and roller wastes. It is not permitted to include ginned wools, flocks recovered from wet or dry finishing processes, nor fibres reclaimed from wool-filled mattresses.
3. An allowance of 0.3% adventitious fibrous impurity is permitted. This is acceptable only if it is fibrous (ie where the non-wool fibre is in the form of separate fibres). It is not acceptable if the impurity occurs as yarn or in a form where it is obvious that the fibres have been twisted together previously.
4. 'Non-wool fibres' includes any type of fibre in the new state. Reclaimed non-wool fibres are not permitted. Products that include decoration must mention this on a label on the product (e.g. '100% Virgin Wool exclusive of decoration').
5. Only one type of non-wool fibre is allowed in intimate blend with the wool component in an individual (ie single) yarn.
6. Where non-wool fibres are included for technical effect, the technical effect must be clearly defined on the label.
7. 'Fine animal hairs' includes angora goat (mohair), cashmere goat (cashmere), camel, alpaca,

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Llama and vicuna. Angora rabbit fur is not included.

8. If fine animal hairs are included in a product, no mention of the fact may be made on the Woolmark label. The product must be labelled as 'Pure New Wool'. The presence of 'fine animal hair' may be mentioned on an additional (non-Woolmark) label.
9. The situation regarding these products is complex and cannot be described in a form that can be easily summarised on this specification sheet. Queries about products that may fall within this description should be submitted to The Woolmark Company.

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