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# H. R. 4583

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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) In the case of a wool product stamped,  
8 tagged, labeled, or otherwise identified as—

9 “(A) ‘Super 80’s’ or ‘80’s’, if the average  
10 diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
11 does not average 19.5 microns or finer;

12 “(B) ‘Super 90’s’ or ‘90’s’, if the average  
13 diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
14 does not average 19.0 microns or finer;

15 “(C) ‘Super 100’s’ or ‘100’s’, if the aver-  
16 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
17 does not average 18.5 microns or finer;

18 “(D) ‘Super 110’s’ or ‘110’s’, if the aver-  
19 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
20 does not average 18.0 microns or finer;

21 “(E) ‘Super 120’s’ or ‘120’s’, if the aver-  
22 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
23 does not average 17.5 microns or finer;

24 “(F) ‘Super 130’s’ or ‘130’s’, if the aver-  
25 age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
26 does not average 17.0 microns or finer;

1           “(G) ‘Super 140’s’ or ‘140’s’, if the aver-  
2           age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
3           does not average 16.5 microns or finer;

4           “(H) ‘Super 150’s’ or ‘150’s’, if the aver-  
5           age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
6           does not average 16.0 microns or finer;

7           “(I) ‘Super 160’s’ or ‘160’s’, if the average  
8           diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
9           does not average 15.5 microns or finer;

10          “(J) ‘Super 170’s’ or ‘170’s’, if the aver-  
11          age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
12          does not average 15.0 microns or finer;

13          “(K) ‘Super 180’s’ or ‘180’s’, if the aver-  
14          age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
15          does not average 14.5 microns or finer;

16          “(L) ‘Super 190’s’ or ‘190’s’, if the aver-  
17          age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
18          does not average 14.0 microns or finer;

19          “(M) ‘Super 200’s’ or ‘200’s’, if the aver-  
20          age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
21          does not average 13.5 microns or finer; and

22          “(N) ‘Super 210’s’ or ‘210’s’, if the aver-  
23          age diameter of wool fiber of such wool product  
24          does not average 13.0 microns or finer.

1 In each such case, the average fiber diameter of  
2 such wool product may have a variation of up to  
3 0.25 microns and may be subject to such other  
4 standards or deviations as adopted by regulation by  
5 the Commission.

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

9 “(A) such wool product is not the fine  
10 (dehaired) undercoat fibers produced by a cash-  
11 mere goat (*capra hircus laniger*);

12 “(B) the average diameter of the fiber of  
13 such wool product exceeds 19 microns; or

14 “(C) such wool product contains more than  
15 3 percent (by weight) of cashmere fibers with  
16 average diameters that exceed 30 microns.

17 The average fiber diameter may be subject to a coef-  
18 ficient of variation around the mean that shall not  
19 exceed 24 percent.”.

20 (b) APPLICABILITY DATE.—The amendments made  
21 by this section shall apply to wool products manufactured  
22 on or after January 1, 2006.

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