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Instructions for use of products of consumer interest—Part 4: Textiles
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Foreword

The entire technical content of the present part of GB 5296 is mandatory.

GB 5296 "Instructions for use of products of consumer interest" is divided into 7 parts:

- Part 1: General Principles
- Part 2: Household and similar electrical appliances
- Part 3: General labelling for cosmetics
- Part 4: Textiles and apparel
- Part 5: Toys
- Part 6: Furniture
- Part 7: Sports equipment

The present part is Part 4 of GB 5296.

The present part replaces and voids GB 5296.4 -1998 "Instructions for use of products of consumer interest: Instructions for use of textiles and apparel ." The present part changes the technical content of GB 5296.4-1998 primarily with respect to the following:

- Adds a range of products to which the present part does not apply ;
 - Adds the term "products of consumer interest "; revises the definitions of the terms "textile s" and "instructions for use ";
 - Employs a higher level of detail in presenting the sizes and specifications of various types of products;
 - Eliminates product quality grades, certificates of inspection and compliance, and product use expiration dates;
 - Adds product safety categories (see 5.7);
 - Adds the provision " Other contents should take a form other than permanent label " to 6.2.1;
 - Adds a provision on products custom made for groups (see 6.2.3);
 - Eliminates the original Appendices A and B ;
 - Adds the regulatory Appendix A "Products to which the present part does not apply ";
 - Adds the informational Appendix B " Assessing defects in instructions for use " .
- Appendix A to the present part is a regulatory appendix; Appendix B is an informational appendix.

The present part was put forward by the National Technical Committee of Standardisation of Services.

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The previous versions replaced by the present part are: GB 5296.4 -1987 and GB 5296.4 -1998.

Instructions for use of products of consumer interest —Part 4: Textiles and apparel

1 Scope

The present part of GB 5296 establishes basic principles, labelling information, and labelling requirements for instructions for use of textiles and apparels .

The present part applies to textiles and apparel sold in China.

The present part does not apply to the products listed in Appendix A.

See Appendix B for assessing defects in instructions for use.

2 Cited regulatory documents

The clauses in the documents below become clauses of the present part of GB 5296 by virtue of being cited by the present part . If a date is indicated for a cited document, subsequent revision sheets (not including the corrigenda) or amendments do not apply to the present part . Nevertheless, the parties to agreements based on the present part are encouraged to study whether the most recent versions of these documents can be used. If no date is indicated for a cited document, then the most recent version applies to the present part .

GB/T 1335 (all parts)	Apparel sizes
GB 5296.1	Instructions for use of products of consumer interest—Part 1: General principles
GB/T 8685	Textiles: Care labelling code—Symbolism
GB 18401	National general safety technical code for textile products
FZ/T 01053	Textiles: Fibre content labelling
QB/T 2262	Leather industry terms

3 Terms and definitions

The following terms and definitions apply to the present part of GB 5296.

3.1

products of consumer interest

Products sold to meet the living needs of members of society.

[GB 5296.1-xxxx Definition 3.2]

3.2

instructions for use

Information conveyed to users on how to use products correctly and safely and on product functions, basic properties, and characteristics relating to said products. They are generally presented in the form of a user's manual, label, or nameplate. They can be represented, either singly or in combination, through documents, words, marks, symbols, pictures or charts, graphic expressions, or audio or visual information. They can be used on a product [including: instructions on the equipment operating device (keys or buttons) or instructions electronically displayed during operation] or on a package. They can also be delivered as accompanying documents or materials (e.g., loose-leaf materials, handbooks, audio tapes, video tapes, and optical disks).

[GB 5296.1-xxxx, Definition 3.3]

3.3

textiles

Products, such as yarn and fabric and products therefrom, that are made by subjecting natural and chemical fibres (the primary raw materials) to the processes of spinning, weaving, and dyeing or further sewing and composition processes.

3.4

apparel

Products that are worn to protect and adorn the human body.

[GB/T 15557-xxxx, Definition 2.2]

3.5

permanent label

Label permanently attached to a product that can maintain a high level of legibility during use of the product.

4 Basic principles

4.1 Instructions for use are an integral part of the delivered product and shall comply with the provisions of GB 5296.1.

4.2 All information contained in instructions for use shall be concise, accurate, scientific, and in plain and easy-to-understand language.

4.3 Instructions for use shall accurately introduce products and shall not contain exaggerated or false information.

5 Contents of instructions for use

5.1 Name and address of manufacturer

5.1.1 Textiles and apparel shall be clearly labelled with the legally registered name and address of the legally liable manufacturer.

5.1.2 Imported textiles and apparel shall be clearly labelled with the product's place of origin (country or region) and the legally registered name and address in mainland China of the agent, importer, or vendor.

5.2 Product name

5.2.1 Products shall be clearly labelled with their names, and true product characteristics shall be clearly indicated.

5.2.2 If a national or industrial standard includes terms and definitions relating to a product name, the name specified by the national or industrial standard should be adopted.

5.2.3 If a national or industrial standard does not include a term or definition relating to a product name, use a name that will not confuse or be misunderstood by consumers.

5.3 Product sizes or specifications

5.3.1 Yarn shall be clearly labelled with at least one main product specification, e.g. yarn density, length, or weight.

5.3.2 Fabric shall be clearly labelled with at least one main product specification, e.g. mass per unit area, density, or width.

5.3.3 Products such as bedding, scarves, towels, and curtains shall be clearly labelled with the main product specifications, such as length, width, and weight.

5.3.4 Apparel-type products should, in accordance with the GB/T 1335 form of presenting apparel sizes, be clearly labelled with a range of suitable sizes, or apparel size shall be clearly labelled according to one of the forms below:

-- Knit apparel may be clearly labelled with product length or product circumference.

-- Tight-fitting apparel may be clearly labelled with the suitable height or hip measurements for wearing the product.

5.3.5 Socks shall be clearly labelled with sock size or a range of suitable sizes. Pantyhose shall be clearly labelled with a range of suitable height and hip measurements.

5.3.6 Hat products shall be clearly labelled with the circumference measurement or range of measurements for the inner perimeter of the hat.

5.3.7 Gloves shall be clearly labelled with the suitable palm length and width.

5.3.8 Other textiles shall, depending on product features, be clearly labelled with their sizes or specifications.

5.4 Fibre composition and contents

5.4.1 Products shall, in accordance with the provisions of FZ/T 0 1053, be clearly labelled with their fibre composition and contents.

5.4.2 Leather apparel shall, in accordance with QB/T 2262, be clearly labelled with the name of the type of leather.

5.5 Methods of care

Products shall present methods of care in accordance with the graphic symbols specified in GB/T 8685 .

Explanatory text corresponding to the graphic symbols may be added. When graphic symbols are insufficient to meet needs, instructions may be provided in text form.

5.6 Effective product standards

Products shall be clearly labelled with the effective national, industrial, local, or enterprise product standard codes.

5.7 Safety categories

Clearly label the product safety category in accordance with GB 18401.

5.8 Use and storage precautions

Products that might be damaged as the result of improper use should be clearly labelled with use precautions; products that have storage requirements should describe storage methods.

6 Forms of instructions for use

6.1 General requirements

6.1.1 Instructions for use take the following forms:

- a) Directly printed or woven on product ;
- b) Permanent label secured to product ;
- c) Label hanging from product ;
- d) Label hanging from, adhering to , or secured to product package;
- e) Directly printed on product package;
- f) Information provided with product .

6.1.2 Instructions for use can take one or more forms. When in multiple forms, ensure the consistency of the contents.

6.2 Permanent labels

6.2.1 Three types of content—sizes or specifications, fibre composition and contents, and methods of care —require permanent labels. Other contents should take a form other than a permanent label.

6.2.2 It is not necessary to use a permanent label if the use of the product would be affected by a permanent label, as in the case of products such as piece goods, yarn, socks, and gloves.

6.2.3 It is not necessary to use a permanent label if the product is custom -made for a group and is not cared for by an individual.

6.2.4 If consumers cannot easily find the information on the product permanent label when packaged, displayed, or rolled or folded, the information should also be indicated in another form.

7 Position of the instructions for use

7.1 General requirements

7.1.1 The instructions for use shall be attached to an obvious or suitable position on the product or package.

7.1.2 The instructions for use shall be provided for each single product or for each retail unit.

7.2 Permanent labels

7.2.1 A permanent label shall remain permanently attached in an appropriate position to a product throughout the product's service life.

7.2.2 Permanent labels for apparel fibre composition and contents or methods of care may generally be sewn below the middle of the left side seam on upper garments. In the case of lower garments, they may be sewn

along the lower edge of the waistband lining or on the left side skirt seam or pants seam.

7.2.3 Permanent labels for products such as bedding, towels, or scarves may be sewn onto a product side or corner.

7.2.4 Permanent labels for products made with special techniques may be positioned according to need.

8 Other requirements

8.1 Words in instructions for use shall be clear and eye-catching. Graphic symbols shall be intuitive and standardised.

8.2 Words used in instructions for use shall be the standard Chinese characters stipulated by the state. Pinyin, the written language of minority nationalities, or foreign languages may also be used, but the size of the pinyin or foreign characters should be no larger than the corresponding Chinese characters.

8.3 Permanent labels shall be made from appropriate materials and remain clear and easy-to-read throughout the service life of the product.

Appendix A
(Regulatory Appendix)

Products to which the present part does not apply

The present part of GB 5296 does not apply to the products listed below:

- Disposable products ;
- Filling and wrapping material s for cushioned furniture such as seats, sofas, and mattresses ;
- Shoe soles;
- Decorative pictures and decorative wall hangings ;
- Small decorations such as handicrafts ;
- Umbrellas;
- Travel bags and cases;
- Decorative coverings, ribbons and cords for packaging;
- Suspenders;
- Nappies;
- Cloth toys;
- Textiles for pets;
- Cleaning cloths ;
- Wall coverings and screens;
- Banners and flags ;
- Artificial flowers .

Appendix B
(Informational Appendix)
Assessing defects in instructions for use

If instructions for use of a product do not comply with the provisions of chapters 5 through 8 of the present part, each instance in the listed contents of non-compliance with the requirements counts as 1 defect and shall count as a severe defect in the event of any of the following:

- it lacks any item in section 5.1 through 5.7; each missing item counts as 1 severe defect;
- it does not have a permanent label (except as provided for in 6.2.2 and 6.2.3);
- the permanent label is missing any one of the following: "size or specifications", "fibre composition and contents", or "methods of care";
- the indicated fibre composition and contents do not comply with the criteria specified in FZ/T 01053;
- the same contents are presented inconsistently between different forms of instructions for use for the same product.

Reference Articles

- [1] GB 5296.1 Instructions for use of articles of consumer interest —Part 1: General principles
- [2] GB/T 15557 Apparel terms