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This specification is applicable to **Woolmark** branded products offered for sale in the European Union (EU) member states, assuming that the products also meet other appropriate specifications.

1. Products made wholly of Pure New Wool
2. Products made of Pure New Wool and
 - a) containing up to 7% non-wool fibre for decoration and/or
 - b) containing up to 2% non-wool fibre for antistatic effect and/or
 - c) containing fine animal hairs and/or
 - d) embroidered with non-wool fibre, where the embroidered parts amount to less than 10% of the surface area and/or
 - e) containing elastic threads and bands added at specific and limited points of the product (e.g. welts of socks).
3. Pure New Wool socks with non-wool fibre present as reinforcement in toe and heel (maximum of 5% based on the total weight of the sock).
4. Pure New Wool underwear with non-wool fibre present as reinforcement in specific areas.
5. Pure New Wool double cloths with non-wool fibre present as centre stitching.

The above Specification must be read in conjunction with the notes that follow:

NOTES

1. 'Pure New Wool' includes fibre from the fleece of the sheep or lamb (wool). The fibres must not previously have been spun into yarn or felted nor previously have been incorporated into 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% of adventitious fibrous impurity is permitted. This is acceptable only if it is fibrous, i.e. 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. Re-used fibres are not permitted, nor are reprocessed fibres that have previously been spun into yarn or felted or previously have been incorporated into a finished product. Only one non-wool fibre is allowed in intimate blend with the wool component in an individual (ie single) yarn.
5. 'Fine animal hairs' includes angora goat (mohair), cashmere goat (cashmere), camel, alpaca, llama, vicuna, yak, guanaco, beaver, otter and angora rabbit.
6. 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.

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