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Re: Care Labeling Workshop-Additional Comments

Dear Secretary,

Thank you for providing a forum for open discussion on dual labeling, wetcleaning and related issues. The meeting was lively, productive, informative and well organized. The following are Consumers Union's comments as related to the topics discussed at the workshop held on January 29, 1999.

* CU recommends the FTC support development of a wetcleaning label by as rapidly as possible by initiating a process to finalize the a definition of wetcleaning and wetcleaning test methodology(ies) in conjunction with wetcleaning advocates, AATCC, ASTM, and EPA; and allow consensus to conclude. CU is willing to participate in a consensus building process to develop a sound definition and test methodology(ies).

* CU recommends that the FTC consider its decision regarding wetcleaning labeling so as to facilitate additional future labeling changes as experimental laundering / cleaning technologies such as liquid CO2 become commercially viable.

* Finally, CU recommends changes to the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act mandating that precise fiber content labeling be used and permanently affixed to the garment. There was broad support for this at the workshop. CU advocated for this in our July 1998 correspondence and we continue to support this position.

Sincerely,

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