

Annex B
(Informative)

Use of textile care symbols covered by WIPO international trademarks

A.1 General

GINETEX (the International Association for Textile Care Labelling), has set itself the task of developing a system of language- independent symbols. These symbols are covered by international marks No. 2R211 247, No. 461 470, No. 492 423, No 849 319 and No.849 320 which are registered with WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization). GINETEX, while safeguarding their trademark rights as such, including their economic use, agreed that ISO use the system and embody it in an international standard. In GINETEX countries at least five symbols for washing, bleaching, tumble drying, ironing and professional textiles care shall be used.

GINETEX has delegated to its national committees, i.e. its members, the task of promoting the implementation of textile care labelling symbols, of granting the right to reproduce and use the symbols, and of monitoring their use. The list of these national committees can be obtained from the ISO Central Secretariat.

The owners of the registered marks, while safeguarding their rights as such, agree that ISO take over the system and embody it in an International Standard.

A.2 Agreement between ISO and GINETEX

With a view to facilitating standards work on textile care labelling at international level, within the framework of the IEC/ISO Directives, Part 1: Procedures for the technical work, and in observance of the above-mentioned ownership right, ISO and GINETEX have agreed on the following principles:

A.2.1 GINETEX's ownership rights related to the marks are preserved under the terms of this agreement, as well as the structure, rights and obligations of its national committees.

A.2.2 In countries where there is a GINETEX national committee, the national standards body which is a member of ISO shall acknowledge this situation and shall establish by mutual agreement the rules governing the implementation in that country of the ISO Standard on textile care labelling.

Such agreement shall provide that the GINETEX national committee, in its capacity as agent for the owner of the registered marks, be entrusted with its maintenance.

A.2.3 In countries signatory to the Madrid Agreement where GINETEX has no national committee as yet, GINETEX may, by agreement with the national ISO member body:

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a) either admit the latter as a member under the terms provided by the GINETEX statutes and General Assembly, granting the ISO member body exclusive right to use

the marks provided it is representative of the parties concerned with textile care-labelling and has established satisfactory rules governing the use of the marks;

b) or initiate the setting up of a national committee meeting under the same conditions.

A.2.4 In countries where there is no national committee and where GINETEX marks are not registered, the application of the ISO standard on textile care labelling shall be subject to no restrictions other than those imposed by the national ISO member body. However, attention of the national ISO member bodies is drawn to the need to ensure proper application of the textile care labelling symbols defined in the ISO standard. For the sake of liaison between GINETEX and ISO, GINETEX is prepared to welcome these ISO member organizations among its membership under the terms of A.2.3.

A.3 List of GINETEX members

The list and the addresses of the national care labelling organizations as well as the address of the Executive Secretariat can be obtained from the ISO Central Secretariat.