



THE WOOLMARK COMPANY

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This specification is applicable to **Woolmark** branded products offered for sale in any country assuming that the products also meet other appropriate specifications. More flexible fibre content specifications may be used for products sold in:

- European Union (EU) member states – Specification F-2
- United States of America (USA) – Specification F-3
- countries where the law allows the inclusion of 5% non-wool fibre for decorative or technical effect – Specification F-4.

The situation in countries not covered by specification sheets F-2, F-3 and F-4 may allow greater flexibility than that shown below. Licensees and other interested parties can obtain detailed information from the local offices of The Woolmark Company.

1. Products made wholly of Pure New Wool
2. Products made of Pure New Wool and
 - a) containing up to 5% non-wool fibre for decoration and/or
 - b) containing specific fine animal hairs
- 3 Pure New Wool socks with up to 5% (of total weight) non-wool fibre present as reinforcement in toe and heel
4. Pure New Wool double cloths with up to 5% non-wool fibre present as centre stitching.

The above specification must be read in conjunction with the notes overleaf.

NOTES

- **'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.
- 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 wools from garments (e.g. ragged), flocks recovered from wet or dry finishing processes, nor fibres reclaimed from wool-filled mattresses.
- An allowance of 0.3% adventitious fibrous impurity is permitted. This is only acceptable if it is fibrous (ie 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 previously twisted together.
- **'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 type of non-wool fibre is allowed in intimate blend with the wool component in an individual (ie single) yarn.
- **'Fine animal hairs'** includes angora goat (mohair), cashmere goat (cashmere), camel, alpaca, llama, vicuna, yak, guanaco and angora rabbit. However, angora rabbit may not be described as wool in Canada, Mexico, South Africa and USA. In Australia and New Zealand, Woolmark products must not contain fine animal hairs.
- 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 hairs may be mentioned on an additional (non-Woolmark) label.
- In Canada and Norway, Woolmark socks may not contain non-wool fibre as reinforcement in heel and toe.

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