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This specification is applicable to **Woolmark** branded products offered for sale in countries *where the law allows the inclusion of 5% non-wool fibre for decorative or technical effects.*

In countries meeting the description above, the **Woolmark** logo may appear on the following products, 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 5% of non-wool fibre, such as fibre providing decorative effect or technical effect or a combination of the two
 - b) containing fine animal hairs.

The above Specification must be read in conjunction with the Notes.

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% adventitious fibre impurity is permitted. This is acceptable only 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 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.
5. Only one type of non-wool fibre is allowed in intimate blend with the wool component in an individual (ie single) yarn.
6. Since 1 September 1997, this specification has not applied in the Australian state of New South Wales (NSW). In NSW, 'Pure New Wool' means '100% New Wool' (ie there is no allowance for non-wool fibre for 'decorative effect' or 're-enforcement').
7. 'Fine animal hairs' includes angora goat (mohair), cashmere goat (cashmere), camel, alpaca, llama, vicuna, yak, guanaco and angora rabbit. In Australia and New Zealand, Woolmark products must not contain fine animal hairs.
8. 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.

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