

FY2002 Market Monitoring Test Results

Sample purchase test related to the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law “Household Wax or Furniture Wax”

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In FY2002, NITE conducted a sample purchase test of “Household wax or Furniture wax” to confirm their compliance with the quality labeling regulations for miscellaneous manufactured goods (hereinafter referred to as “labeling regulations”) under the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law.

NITE purchased 14 sample waxing products for wooden floors, plain wooden posts or coated wooden furniture available in the market.

Following results, 9 samples were deemed noncompliant with the labeling regulations.

The most prominent noncompliance item related to incorrect component labeling, observed in 7 samples, of which 5 samples failed to indicate water content even with 1% or higher water content.

That was followed by the insufficient labeling of handling precautions, seen in 4 samples, such as considerations for use in indoor conditions and first-aid in accidents.

Details of the identified noncompliance items are as follows:

Noncompliant item	Number of samples(*)
Component labeling	7
Product type labeling	2
Insufficient “Handling precautions”	4
Labeler’s information	1
Labeling manner	1

(*) Each noncompliant item is counted cumulatively when a product has multiple noncompliant items.

NITE presented the test results to noncompliant labelers and conducted hearings with them for their opinions and measures to be taken. The results of the hearings, together with the test results, were reported to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Based on the test results, METI has given administrative guidance to the relevant labelers.