

FY2005 Market Monitoring Test Results

Sample purchase test related to the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law “Buckets”

(National Institute of Technology and Evaluation)

In FY2005, NITE conducted a sample purchase test of “Buckets” to confirm their compliance with the quality labeling regulations for plastic manufactured goods (hereinafter referred to as “labeling regulations”) under the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law.

NITE purchased 20 sample plastic buckets available in the market for the test. These products are required to indicate material plastics, cold resistant temperature, capacity, handling precautions, labeler’s name and so on. Following results, 4 samples were deemed noncompliant with the labeling regulations.

Noncompliant details included improper or no indications of material plastics.

Details of the noncompliance items are as follows:

Particulars to be declared	Noncompliant details	# of samples (*)
Material plastics	The sample used no designated terms for material plastics. The product failed to indicate the materials by part, and also failed to indicate the material used for the handle.	1
	Material plastics for the handles were not specified although different materials to the body were used.	3
Handling precautions	Handling precautions were not indicated	1
Labeler’s name	A non-registered English name was displayed	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.