

## FY2005 Market Monitoring Test Results

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

(National Institute of Technology and Evaluation)

In FY2005, NITE conducted a sample purchase test of “Sunglasses” 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 20 sample sunglasses including 2 polarized and 1 fashion type available in the market for the test. These products are required to indicate product name, materials of lenses and frame, transmittances of visible ray and ultraviolet ray, precautions in handling, labeler’s name etc. Following results, 12 samples were deemed noncompliant with the labeling regulations.

The major noncompliance items included improper labeling of product name and visible ray transmittance.

The table below shows details of the identified noncompliance items.

Particulars to be declared	Noncompliant item	Number of samples(*)
Product name	The refractive power and/or parallelism of lenses did not meet the standard	8
Frame material	The material was indicated by the trade name	1
Visible ray transmittance	The products exceeded the acceptable range ( $\pm 7\%$ )	7
Ultraviolet ray transmittance	The product contained excess wording in labeling of ultraviolet ray transmittance	1
Handling precautions	No designated handling precautions were indicated	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.