

FY2006 Market Monitoring Test Results

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

(National Institute of Technology and Evaluation)

In FY2006, NITE conducted a sample purchase test of “Aluminum foil for serving foods or kitchen use” 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 aluminum foil products available in the market for the test.

These products are required to indicate sizes (width, length and thickness), handling precautions, labeler’s name, etc.

Following results, 3 samples were deemed noncompliant with the labeling regulations. They did not meet the labeling requirement for lengths. Although the regulations do not define the acceptable range of error for lengths, any sample products for which actual sizes were less than indicated were not approved in this test.

In addition, the ends of the foil rolls, which were glued to the paper core, were excluded from the measured lengths as they would not peel off easily and are therefore unavailable for use.

Particulars to be declared	Noncompliant details	# of samples (*)
Size (length)	Actual length of the product was shorter than the indicated size.	3

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.