

FY2006 Market Monitoring Test Results

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

(National Institute of Technology and Evaluation)

In FY2006, NITE conducted a sample purchase test of “Shoes” 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 16 pairs of sample shoes available in the market for the test. Test samples were limited to shoes with synthetic leather insteps, soles made of rubber or synthetic resin or a mixture of these with insteps and soles bonded together with adhesive.

These products are required to indicate materials used for insteps and soles, oil resistance of soles, handling precautions, labeler’s name, etc. Following results, 5 samples were deemed noncompliant with the labeling regulations.

They indicated improper labeling or no labeling of raw resin type.

Details of the noncompliance items are as follows:

Particulars to be declared	Noncompliant item	# of samples (*)
Material used for soles	No designated terms for materials were used.	3
Handling precautions	The product included no designated precautions.	3

(*) 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.