



*The Minister for Economic
Development*

IN AGREEMENT WITH

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE

AND

THE MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN POLICIES

HAVING READ Law 55 of 8 April 2010, laying down provisions for the sale of textile products, leather goods and footwear;

HAVING READ in particular article 2.1 thereof, which states that the decree of the Minister of Economy and Finance and the Minister for European Policies, to be issued within four months of the entry into effect of said law, following the notification pursuant to article 8(1) of Directive 98/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 July 1998, lays down specifications regarding the compulsory labelling system and the use of the 'Made in Italy' indication pursuant to article 1 of the same law, as well as methods for carrying out checks, including through the system of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Artisan Crafts and Agriculture;

CONSIDERING that according to criteria of systematic interpretation, all provisions of the aforementioned Law 55 may only be considered applicable after the completion of the Community information procedure pursuant to Directive 98/34/EC;

DECREES

Art. 1

(Labelling system for finished and semi-finished products)

1. Finished and semi-finished products intended for sale are supplied with a specification document that is sufficiently clear to the end consumer, applied to the product or the packaging, which displays the following information:
 - a. place of origin of each phase of manufacturing, as per article 1 of Law 55 of 8 April 2010;
 - b. compliance with:
 - i. national regulations and international standards governing worker health and safety;
 - ii. national legislation, the provisions set out by the CCNL and international standards regarding the minimum age of workers;
 - iii. national industry-specific legislation to ensure the hygiene and safety of products;
 - iv. national and European regulations and any international agreements regarding environmental protection.

Art. 2

(Use of the indication 'Made in Italy' for finished products)

1. In accordance with article 1 of Law 55 of 8 April 2010, the indication 'Made in Italy' for finished products from the industries of textiles, leather goods, footwear and chairs is permitted provided that:
 - a) at least two of the manufacturing processes, as set out in article 1, subparagraphs 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Law 55 of 8 April 2010, are carried out within Italy;
 - b) the tracing of all other manufacturing processes is verifiable.
2. In any case, in order to use the 'Made in Italy' indication the final substantial transformation of products must have taken place in Italy in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 450 of 23 April 2008.

Art. 3

(Tracing of manufacturing phases)

1. The tracing of finished and semi-finished products is considered verifiable provided that the manufacturer holds sufficient documentation to give unequivocal evidence of the place in which each phase was carried out.
2. Where there is insufficient evidence to verify a phase, it is presumed that it was carried out outside the country.

Art.4

(Chamber of Commerce Checks)

1. In addition to the monitoring and control ordinarily carried out by the administrative police, and without prejudice to customs checks, the Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Artisan Crafts and Agriculture shall verify the correct labelling of all products allowed onto the market, as well as the correct use of the indication 'Made in Italy', by cross-checking documentation indicating the place in which the manufacturing phases were carried out.
2. The Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Artisan Crafts and Agriculture shall issue the fines pursuant to article 3.1 and 3.2 of Law 55 of 8 April 2010, including the suspension of manufacturing company activities.