

RULEBOOK

ON LABELLING FOOTWEAR

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Scope of the Rulebook

Article 1

This Rulebook prescribes requirements relating to labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear intended for sale to consumers, as well as requirements relating to additional written information accompanying the footwear.

Definitions

Article 2

Certain terms used in this Rulebook have the following meaning:

1) *footwear* means all articles with applied soles designed to protect or cover the foot, including parts which may be placed separately on the market of the Republic of Serbia:

(1) Upper means the outer face of the structural element which is attached to the outersole;

(2) Lining and sock means the inside of the footwear article (in case the lining is not attached to a shoe, the lining means the reverse of the upper);

(3) Outer sole means the bottom part of the footwear article, which is subjected to abrasive wear and attached to the upper;

2) *leather* is a general term for hide or skin, with its original fibrous structure more or less intact, namely:

(1) Tanned leather means leather tanned in such manner that the hair or wool may or may not have been removed. Leather is also made from a hide or skin which has been split into layers or segmented either before or after tanning. However, if the tanned hide or skin is disintegrated mechanically and/or chemically into fibrous particles, small pieces or powders and then, with or without the combination of a binding agent, is made into sheets or other forms, such sheets or forms are not leather. If the leather has a surface coating, however applied, or a glued-on finish, such surface layers must not be thicker than 0,15 mm; or

(2) Full grain leather (or original grain surface) means leather bearing the original grain surface as exposed by removal of the epidermis and with none of the surface removed by buffing, snuffing or splitting.

3) *coated leather* means leather where the surface coating applied to the leather does not exceed one third of the total thickness of the product but is in excess of 0.15mm;

4) *textile* means natural textile materials and synthetic textile fibres, namely all textile products covered by special directive regulating the requirements for marking and labelling of textile products;

5) *pictogram* means a pictorial mark indicating main components of footwear as well as pictorial mark indicating the material that the main components of footwear have been made of;

6) *manufacturer* means a legal person, an entrepreneur or a physical person manufacturing footwear for the purpose of placing it on the market of the Republic of Serbia or the person that presents itself as a manufacturer by putting its company name, the name or the title, the logo or some other recognizable marks on the product or in some other way;

7) *representative* is a legal person or an entrepreneur established in the Republic of Serbia, or a physical person with the place of residence in the Republic of Serbia, authorized by footwear manufacturer in writing to act on its behalf regarding authorized activities related to placing the footwear on the market of the Republic of Serbia;

8) *importer* means a legal person or an entrepreneur established in the Republic of Serbia, namely a physical person with the place of residence in the Republic of Serbia which is placing on the market the footwear from other countries;

9) *dealer* means a legal or a physical person fulfilling the requirements for performing activities regarding the sale of goods or services stipulated by the law that governs the trade;

10) *consumer* means a physical person that buys goods or services for the purpose of meeting personal or household demands;

11) *delivery to the market* means making any footwear available on the market of the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of distribution, consumption or use, either for payment or free of charge;

12) *placing on the market* means the first delivery of footwear on the market of the Republic of Serbia.

Other terms used in this Rulebook, which are not defined in Paragraph 1 of this Article, have meanings defined by laws that govern technical requirements for products and conformity assessment, trade and consumer protection.

Application

Article 3

This rulebook applies on footwear, including:

1) flat or high-heeled shoes for ordinary indoor or outdoor wear;

2) ankle-boots, half-boots, knee-boots and thigh-boots;

3) sandals of various types, "espadrilles" (shoes with canvas uppers and soles of plaited vegetable material), sandals with straps, tennis shoes, running and other sports shoes, bathing sandals and other casual footwear;

4) special sports footwear which is designed for a sporting activity and has, or has provision for the attachment of, spikes, studs, various kinds of buckles or the like, as well as skating boots, ski boots and cross-country ski footwear, wrestling boots, boxing boots and cycling boots and also composite articles such as footwear with (ice or roller) skates attached;

5) dancing slippers;

6) footwear formed from a single piece, particularly by moulding rubber or plastic but excluding disposable articles of flimsy material (paper, plastic film, etc., without applied soles);

7) overshoes worn over other footwear, which in some cases are heel-less;

8) disposable footwear, with applied soles, generally designed to be used only once;

9) orthopaedic footwear.

This rulebook applies on footwear, protective leg coverings and similar products as well as components of those products which are mentioned in the adequate part of the regulation that governs the nomenclature of customs tariffs.

Footwear that this rulebook does not apply to

Article 4

This rulebook does not apply to:

- second-hand, worn footwear,
- protective footwear covered by regulations relating to personal protective equipment
- footwear covered by special regulations,
- toy footwear (for dolls and alike).

Placing on the market and/or putting into service and free trade

Article 5

Footwear shall be placed on the market of the Republic of Serbia and/or put into service if main components of footwear and materials of main components of footwear are labelled in accordance with requirements of this rulebook.

Footwear that meets requirements referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be placed on the market and/or put into service freely, without any limitations.

Labelling of main components of footwear

Article 6

Every main component of footwear shall be indicated with either a special pictogram or with a written information of the same meaning which can replace the pictogram, in accordance with the

Annex – Pictograms and written indication (hereinafter referred to as: Annex), which is printed with this rulebook and forms an integral part thereof.

In the case of the upper, no account shall be taken of accessories or reinforcements such as ankle patches, ornamentation, buckles, tabs, eyelet stays or similar attachments.

Labelling of materials for main components of footwear

Article 7

The composition of the material that main components of footwear are made of shall be labelled by putting either a special pictogram or written indication of the same meaning, in accordance with the Annex.

The composition of materials that main components of footwear are made of shall be labelled by putting either a pictogram or written indication on footwear, in accordance with Annex, particularly when the given material constitutes:

- at least 80% of the surface area of the upper,
- at least 80% of the lining and sock,
- at list 80% of the volume of the outersole.

If no one of materials that the footwear is made of accounts for at least 80% of the size or the volume of one of main constituents of the footwear, either pictograms or written indications should be given on the two main materials used in that constituent of the footwear.

Labelling footwear with pictograms or written indications

Article 8

Pictograms or written indications shall be used in particular for labelling on footwear.

Pictograms or written indication shall be used on at least one article of footwear in each pair. This may be done by printing, embossing, sticking or using an attached label. Written indication is written in the Serbian language for footwear of local manufacture, and in one of the official languages of the European Union member countries for imported footwear, in accordance with the Annex.

Pictogram and written indication shall be visible, easy to understand, securely attached and easily accessible and of sufficiently large dimensions to make it easy to see and understand the information contained therein.

It must not be possible for pictograms and written indication to mislead the consumer.

The manufacturer or his authorised representative shall label main components of footwear and the composition of materials of main components of footwear by using pictograms or written indications, in accordance with Annex.

The manufacturer or his authorised representative shall be responsible for the accuracy of the information contained therein. If neither the manufacturer nor his authorised representative is established in the Republic of Serbia, the accuracy of pictograms and written indication on

footwear shall be the obligation of the importer.

The retailer shall remain responsible for ensuring that the written indication in Serbian relating to the meaning of pictograms and written indications in accordance with the Annex is available to consumers and visible at the sales outlet.

Requirements for additional textual information accompanying the footwear

Article 9

Footwear placed on the market shall be accompanied with additional textual information considering:

- the size of footwear;
- the name and the head office of the footwear manufacturer and the importer of imported footwear;
- the specific use of shoes (slippers, dry weather shoes, wet weather shoes, sports shoes, etc)
- footwear maintenance;
- the method of shoe making (stitched shoes, glued shoes, vulcanized shoes, etc.).

Additional written information referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article in Serbian shall be composed by either the manufacturer or his authorised representative, or the importer of the footwear from abroad.

Additional written information referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article regarding imported shoes provided by the importer must not differ from the information provided by a manufacturer or its authorised representative on a tag, a label, a ring, a packaging or on the unit of the footwear.

Additional written information is placed on the footwear packaging, namely on a tag, a label or a ring along with the packaging or directly along with the shoes at the sales lot, and in exceptional cases they can be placed on the unit of the footwear.

Additional written information is placed in such manner that it does not disturb either visibility or comprehensibility of a pictogram or written indication about labelling main components of footwear and composite materials of main components of footwear.

Inappropriate labelling of footwear

Article 10

Any labelling which is not in accordance with provisions of this Rulebook is considered inappropriate labelling.

If footwear intended for placing on the market is not labelled in accordance with provisions of this rulebook, the placing of such footwear on the market may be limited or banned, in accordance with rules that govern technical requirements for products and the conformity assessment, consumer protection and trade.

Conformity with the European Union regulations

Article 11

This rulebook is in conformity with all principles and relevant requirements from the Directive 94/11/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council from March 23 1994 on labelling the materials for main components of footwear.

Termination of regulations

Article 12

The Rulebook on technical and other requirements for marking, labelling and the methods of packaging finished leather and hide, and products made of genuine and artificial leather shall be terminated on the day of starting the implementation of this rulebook ("The Official Gazette of the RS, Number 56/09).

Termination of particular provisions

Article 13

Provisions of Article 9 of this rulebook shall be terminated on the day of the accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union.

Entry into force


Article 14

This rulebook shall enter into force on the eight day from the date of its publication in "The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia" and it shall be applied starting from July 1 2015.

Annex PICTOGRAMS AND WRITTEN INDICATION


TABLE 1

PICTOGRAMS OF MAIN COMPONENTS OF FOOTWEAR

Pictogram	Code of the state	Written indications
	SRB	Gornji deo ili lice
	F	Tige
	D	Obermaterial
	IT	Tomaia
	NL	Bovendeel
	EN	Upper
	DK	Overdel

	GR	ΕΠΑΝΩ ΜΕΡΟΣ
	ES	Empeine
	P	Parte superior
	CZ	Vrch
	EST	Pealne
	LV	Virsa
	LT	Viršus
	HU	Felsőrés
	M	Wiçc
	PL	Wierzch
	SI	Zgornji del
	SK	Vrch
	BG	Лицева част
	RO	Față


	SRB	Postava i uložna tabanica
	F	Doublure et semelle de propreté
	D	Futter und Decksohle
	IT	Fodera e Sottopiede
	NL	Voering en inlegzool
	EN	Lining and sock
	DK	Foring og bindsål
	GR	ΦΟΔΡΕΣ
	ES	Forro y plantilla
	P	Forro e Palmilha
	CZ	Podšívka a stélka
	EST	Vooder ja sisetald
	LV	Odere un ielikamā saistzole
	LT	Pamušalas ir įklotė
	HU	Bélés és fedőtalpbélés
	M	Inforra u suletta
	PL	Podszewka z wyściółką
	SI	Podloga in vložek (steljka)
SK	Podšívka a stielka	
BG	Подплата и стелка	
RO	Căptușeală și acoperiș de brant	



	SRB	Don
	F	Semelle extérieure


	D	Laufsohle
	IT	Suola esterna
	NL	Buitenzool
	EN	Outer sole
	DK	Ydersål
	GR	ΣΟΛΑ
	ES	Suela
	P	Sola
	CZ	Podešev
	EST	Välisald
	LV	Ārējā zole
	LT	Padas
	HU	Járótalp
	M	Pett ta' barra
	PL	Spód
	SI	Podplat
	SK	Podošva
	BG	ВЪНШНО ХОДИЛО
	RO	Talpă exterioră

TABLE 2
PICTOGRAMS FOR MATERIALS USED IN MAIN COMPONENTS OF FOOTWEAR AND
WRITTEN INDICATION

Pictograms for labelling the composition of materials used in main components of footwear are next to pictograms indicating main components of footwear, in accordance with Article 8 of this rulebook and Table 1.

Pictograms	Code of the state	Written indication
	SRB	Koža *
	F	Cuir
	D	Leder
	IT	Cuoio
	NL	Leder
	EN	Leather
	DK	Læder
	GR	ΔΕΡΜΑ
	ES	Cuero
	P	Couros e peles curtidas
	CZ	Useň
	EST	Nahk
	LV	Āda
	LT	Oda

	HU	Bőr
	M	Ġilda
	PL	Skóra
	SI	Usnje
	SK	Useň
	BG	Кожа
	RO	Piei cu fařă natural
	SRB	Koža korigovanog lica
	F	Cuir enduit
	D	Beschichtetes Leder
	IT	Cuoio rivestito
	NL	Gecoat leder
	EN	Coated leather
	DK	Overtrukket læder
	GR	ΕΠΕΝΔΕΔΥΜΕΝΟ ΔΕΡΜΑ
	ES	Cuero untado
	P	Couro revestido
	CZ	Povrstvená useň
	EST	Kaetud nahk
	LV	Pārklāta āda
	LT	Padengta oda
	HU	Bevonatos bőr
	M	Ġilda miksija
	PL	Skóra pokryta
	SI	Krito usnje
	SK	Povrstvená useň
	BG	кожа с покритие
RO	Piei cu fařă corectată	
	SRB	Tekstil
	F	Textile
	D	Textil
	IT	Tessili
	NL	Textiel
	EN	Textile
	DK	Tekstil-materialer
	GR	ΥΦΑΣΜΑ
	ES	Textil
	P	Téxteis
	CZ	Textilie
	EST	Tekstiil
	LV	Tekstilmateriāls

	LT	Tekstilė
	HU	Textil
	M	Tessut
	PL	Materiał włókienniczy
	SI	Tekstil
	SK	Textil
	BG	текстил
	RO	Textile
	SRB	Drugi materijali
	F	Autres matériaux
	D	Sonstiges Material
	IT	Altre materie
	NL	Overige materialen
	EN	Other materials
	DK	Andre materialer
	GR	ΆΛΛΑ ΥΛΙΚΑ
	ES	Otros materiales
	P	Outros materiais
	CZ	Ostatní materiály
	EST	Teised materjalid
	LV	Citi materiāli
	LT	Kitos medžiagos
	HU	Egyéb anyag
	M	Materjal ieħor
	PL	Inny materiał
	SI	Drugi materiali
	SK	Iný materiál
	BG	Всички други материали
RO	Alte materiale	

* A definition “full grain leather” may be used instead of “leather”, as additional written indication for the material corresponding the definition referred to in Article 2, Paragraph 1, Item 1 of this Rulebook.