Textile products: textile fibre names and labelling

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The Commission supports the main lines of Council’s position at first reading. Council’s position at first reading encompasses a vast majority of technical amendments introduced also by the European Parliament to clarify the scope, refine the structure, provide clearer definitions and adapt the text to the latest legal and institutional developments.

Nonetheless, origin marking was already proposed by the Commission in 2005 for a range of goods including textile products and could be integrated in the present regulation. Having this objective in mind, as well as considering diverging views of co-legislators on the scope of the regulation, the Commission undertakes to facilitate the inter-institutional negotiation to reach an acceptable compromise for both co-legislators.

The Commission recalls the benefits of a simplified regulatory framework for stakeholders and national administrations; therefore, for a more innovative textile and clothing sector, it is convenient that the new regulation is swiftly adopted.