



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Division of Enforcement
Bureau of Consumer Protection

February 4, 2000

Ms. Laura A. Gramling
Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuren, Norris & Rieselbach
1000 North Water Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3400

Re: Crown Prince, Inc.

Dear Ms. Gramling:

The Division of Enforcement staff has conducted an investigation of Crown Prince, Inc., with respect to the removal of labels from certain garments that must be labeled pursuant to the requirements of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, 15 U.S.C. § 70, *et seq.*, and Commission Rules and Regulations under the Act, 16 CFR Part 303. We have now closed that investigation. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

It is important that Crown Prince, and its sub-contractors, be vigilant about adherence to the labeling requirements of the Textile Act and the Commission's Textile Rules. All covered products must bear labels disclosing the fiber content, identity of the manufacturer or another responsible dealer, and the country of origin. In addition, apparel products must be labeled to show care instructions, pursuant to the Commission's Care Labeling Rule, 16 CFR Part 423. Country-of-origin information must appear on the front side of a label attached to the inside center of the neckline, or on another conspicuous place on garments without a neckline. Other information can be placed on the same label as the origin information or elsewhere on the product, so long as it is conspicuous and readily accessible to the prospective purchaser.

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Removal of a label containing information required under the Textile Act is permitted only if it is replaced with another label containing that information, including the name or RN number of the person making the substitution. 15 U.S.C. § 70c. In addition, any person making a label substitution must maintain records, for a period of three years, showing the information that was removed and the name of the person from whom that textile product was received. 15 U.S.C. § 70d(b); 16 CFR § 303.39(b)-(c).

Enclosed is a copy of our business guide, *Threading Your Way Through the Labeling Requirements under the Textile and Wool Acts*. If you have any further questions about compliance with these requirements, please contact Stephen Ecklund at (202) 326-2841.

Yours truly,



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Associate Director

cc: Mr. Ed StremLOW, CEO
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