

# WFSGI COMPLIANT LABELLING REQUIREMENTS (CLR) DATABASE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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*Worried about out-of-date labelling  
manuals?  
Losing sleep over potential stop-ships and  
other non-compliance issues?*

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## 1. WHAT IS THE WFSGI CLR DATABASE?

### 1. “What is the Compliant Labelling Requirements (CLR) Database?”

The WFSGI Compliant Labelling Requirements (CLR) Database provides actionable information on labelling requirements for the sporting goods industry, allowing users to **search and report on up-to-date labelling requirements by country**. In addition, the CLR Database provides email alerts to let users know that a requirement has changed on the CLR Database, due to a change in a regulation or Standard.

### 2. “Why would it benefit me/my company?”

- Significant **economies of scale**, through both considerable time and cost savings;
- Receive **actionable requirement information** at your fingertips;
- Help **mitigate against non-compliance** issues;
- Receive **targeted email alerts** when a requirement changes;
- **Be confident** that your information is up-to-date;
- Free access to **Subject Matter Experts**;
- **Easy reporting**.

### 3. “What kind of information will be delivered via the labelling database?”

- Labelling requirements for both the **product itself and its packaging**;
- A total of 49 countries (covering all relevant global markets), 6 product categories and 31 requirement types will be covered:

- **Product categories**

1	<b>Apparel and Textile</b>
2	<b>Footwear</b>
3	Consumer <b>electronics</b> (wearables)
4	<b>Personal Protective Equipment, (PPE)</b> , including but not limited to eyewear (performance sunglasses, goggles), wristbands/headbands, gloves, shin guards, helmets
5	<b>Sporting Equipment</b> , including but not limited to towels, bags (including luggage and backpacks), gloves, yoga mats, inflatable balls, water bottles, socks, swimwear, ski-boots, in-line skates, skis, bindings, outdoor equipment such as tents, sleeping bags and other textile-based sporting equipment.
6	<b>Bicycles</b> including e-bikes

- **General Requirement-types**

1.	<b>Claims</b> (sub-types: biocidal, organic etc.) including but not limited to marketing/performance claims, i.e. weight, UPF, waterproof, cooling and the like, further, claims related to corporate responsibility, i.e. Responsible Down Standard (RDS), recycled content, Fair Trade, Organic Cotton and the like	11.	<b>Tracking labels</b> (Sub-types: CPSIA, etc.)
2.	<b>Conformity marks</b> (Sub-types: CE Mark, CCC Mark, EurAsEC Mark, KC Mark, FCC Mark, EPAC according to EN15194, conformity to national traffic regulations, conformity to use instructions for sport competitions, etc.)	12.	<b>Warnings</b>
3.	<b>Country of Origin</b>	13.	<b>Recycling instructions/labels</b>
4.	<b>Date of manufacture</b>	14.	<b>Labelling methods</b> (including how labels must be affixed or attached; whether labels must be permanent; whether label information may appear on the website, etc.)
5.	<b>Ecolabels</b>	15.	<b>Restricted materials</b> (including restrictions on cat, dog, seal and other furs; conflict minerals etc. and any associated call-outs)
6.	<b>Instructions</b> (Sub-types: Assembly instructions, maintenance instructions, recommended uses as per ASTM F2043, Classification for Bicycle Usage, etc.)	16.	<b>Age-specific requirements</b> (i.e. adults, children, toddlers, infants, etc.)
7.	<b>Language</b> (Sub-types: English, French, Spanish, Italian, etc.) in all those cases, where the specifics are called out in the respective laws referred to	17.	<b>Digital requirements</b> variations (both on label and on website)
8.	Manufacturer/importer, licensee and/or distributor <b>identity</b> (Sub-types: CA Number, RN Number)	18.	<b>Packaging disposal/ recyclability</b> markings (i.e., SPI numbers, chasing arrows, French Triman logo, etc.)
9.	<b>Net quantity/size</b> ((Sub-types: International Units (i.e. SI or metric), US customary units (i.e. inch-pound units)	19.	<b>Safety warnings</b> for polybags (typically come from toy standards)
10.	<b>Product Identity</b>	20.	<b>ISO 7000:2005</b> pictogram

### Unique to apparel & textiles

21.	Care instructions (e.g. ASTM D5489, ISO 3758, etc.)
22.	Fiber identity & content (e.g. Faux fur, fur, leather, faux leather, ISO 2976, other, wool)
23.	Stuffed/upholstered “law labels”

### Unique to footwear

24.	Footwear disclosure (Sub-types: Upper, Lining & sock, Outsole, Other)
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### Unique to electronics

25.	Battery labelling (Sub-types: Capacity)
26.	Declarations of conformity
27.	Embedded electronics
28.	Energy labelling (Sub-types: Energy labels)
29.	Restricted materials & substances (Sub-types: Cadmium, lead, mercury, etc.)
30.	Technical documentation
31.	Waste (Sub-types: Wheelie bin, SPI Resin Identification Code, etc.)

Requirement types for Personal protective equipment (PPE), sporting equipment, and bicycles are covered by the above.

- **Worldwide Coverage: 49 Countries**, which encompasses all relevant regulatory markets, including:
  - Overarching regional requirements (EU, MERCOSUR, etc.) and
  - State (U.S.) / province (Canada, Australia) level requirements where applicable



#### 4. “Is information on electronic bicycles included in the database?”

Yes, **e-bikes and traditional bicycles** will be included in the database. Examples of what to expect for Traditional Bicycles:

1. CPSIA tracking label
2. Conformity marks/statement e.g. CE Mark, “EPAC according to EN15194”
3. Instruction manual
4. Manufacturer identity and date of manufacture
5. Serial number
6. Standard number (e.g. EN 14764)
7. Recommendations for use
8. Warnings

#### 5. “Are requirements and regulations in the database provided in English?”

Requirements will be in English and all associated regulations will have a **summary in English**. The regulation itself will not be translated, and if you require a translation, Compliance & Risks will supply a quote.

## 6. “Is there a possibility to include other requirements in this database?”

Yes, WFSGI members will have the **ability to add more content** outside of the Labelling Project, such as chemicals, product safety, data protection, wireless and other areas. Our current focus is to launch the CLR Database, then explore other collaborative solutions to address members’ needs, including chemicals requirements.

## 2. HOW DOES THE DATABASE WORK?

### 7. “How can I access the WFSGI CLR Database?”

Users at participating companies will receive a **secure username and password**, as well as being set up with email alerts and training on how to use the Database.

### 8. “What features does the WFSGI CLR Database have?”

#### **1. Ability to search and run reports**

By country and product classification such as

*E.g.1: Japan/ apparel/socks to view a complete guide of requirements for socks labelling in Japan or by requirement/product classification across multiple countries*

*E.g.2: Receive information on country of origin requirements for footwear*

#### **2. Email alerts:**

- When a **new labelling requirement is approved** - including detailed information as to the change and when it will go into effect (including transitional/grace period, if applicable)
- When a requirement **becomes effective** (date alert)
- When any **changes are made to existing requirements on the CLR Database**, due to a change in a regulation or Standard

#### **3. Breath & depth of requirement information:**

- **Concise, concrete and actionable** information
- **Requirements summaries** displayed in the CLR database in simple to understand English
- Requirements summaries include **links to the full text of the relevant regulations and mandatory Standards**
- When Subscribers require **full-text copyright-protected documents**, such as mandatory standards, links to third party vendors, such as International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and ASTM International, will be included.
- Translation service also available on request.

### 9. “Who will maintain and monitor the CLR Database?”

Compliance & Risks will **maintain** the CLR Database, monitoring regulatory activity on a regular basis and upload changes as they occur. This will automatically trigger alerts to subscribers.

### 10. “Will there be any “human” support in addition to the database?”

Compliance & Risks is offering **\*FREE premier access to its ‘Ask our Expert’s service**. Their legal team and Subject Matter Experts will address questions about laws and regulations including purpose, applicability, highlights of requirements, and more. The service is swift aiming to respond to queries within 24 hours and, when necessary, they contact relevant ministries or agencies to obtain updates on developments, dates and clarifications on wording. \*If your question will take longer than 30 minutes to research and answer, then Compliance & Risks will provide a quote for you. The company also provides an ongoing client support service offering full technical training and support for all users.

### 11. “Can we get a demo of the CLR Database?”

Please contact Charlotte at WFSGI for a link to the **demo recording**.

## 3. WHEN WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?

### 12. “Can I start using the CLR Database immediately?”

The WFSGI CLR Database went “live” in September **2018**.

## 4. PRICING

### 13. “What will it cost?”

To allow maximum participation, the annual charges to access the WFSGI CLR database are based on the Subscriber’s **turnover**, covering up to \*5 users per participating member per year.

Turnover (USD \$)	Cat.	Annual Fees (USD \$)	
		Members	Non-members
> 20 bln	1	56,650	61,800
15bln – 20bln	2	45,650	49,800
5bln – 15bln	3	36,688	40,024
2.5bln – 5bln	4	29,711	32,412
1bln – 2.5bln	5	22,733	24,799
500 mln – 1bln	6	18,546	20,232
1mln – 500 mln	7	8,776	9,574

\* If additional users are needed, additional users can be added at a cost of \$1,500 per annum per user.



#### 14. “If I join this initiative over the ongoing year. Do I have to pay for the full annual fee?”

If a new subscriber joins the labelling project over the ongoing year, a pro-rata payment will be required depending on the date/month of the subscription.

#### 15. “I am not a WFSGI member... can I get access to the WFSGI CLR database?”

Yes, if you are a non-WFSGI member producing or selling fashion/sport articles, you can gladly join this initiative.

#### 16. “If I am not a WFSGI member, can I become a WFSGI member to benefit from the pricing arrangement offered to members only?”

The WFSGI will evaluate on ad-hoc basis if your company/organization meets all the criteria and requirements to become a WFSGI member.

## 5. LEGAL QUESTIONS

#### 17. “How can I be 100% sure that the information provided is accurate and reliable?”

Compliance & Risks is the trusted partner for more than 15 years to **300+ of the world’s best brands**. The team comprises of **subject matter experts and regulatory analysts** with legal, research and language skills, who have an in-depth knowledge of regulations impacting their clients’ business in getting their product to market. A total of **23 languages** are spoken by the team facilitating the rapid accessibility to, and understanding of, developments in particular jurisdictions. A number of their Subject Matter Experts sit on regulatory and standards committees, giving insights on proposed changes. Additionally, they have a knowledge partner network of ‘on-the ground’ experts and provide relevant, valuable commentary through C2P.

#### 18. “Do you provide legal assistance? (e.g. interpretation of the rule)”

Compliance & Risks will provide **support from their legal team and subject matter experts**, although it is recommended for a final ruling to seek the assistance of outside counsel.

#### 19. “What are the limits of liability?”

Compliance & Risks is the trusted regulatory compliance partner for leading brands throughout the world, but noting the **human factor** involved in data entry, users of the CLR Database must accept the terms and conditions that contain disclaimers. This is typical, even for legal advice from law firms. Therefore, the ultimate responsibility for incorrect labeling rests with the client.

#### 20. “Can Compliance & Risks guarantee that our data is safely stored and inaccessible to anyone without authorization?”

Each member company will have their **own dedicated log-in area** on the WFSGI CLR Database. Neither the WFSGI itself nor any other members will be able to see any information created by members and kept on their dedicated and sealed portion of the Database. The WFSGI CLR Database adopts the Software as a Service (SaaS) model and conforms to the highest standards of security and compliance.

## 6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### 21. “Why is the WFSGI CLR Database being set up?”

In **September 2015**, the **WFSGI Legal Committee Members** voiced their need for a solution to address the **jungle** of global labelling requirements. Members face **stopped shipments, product recalls, fines and penalties** for non-compliant labelling. Government and regulatory watchdogs are very protective of **consumers’ rights** and demand the industry to provide more and more information. Efforts thus far to manage global labelling requirements have been ad-hoc, **hard to maintain and very expensive**.

### 22. “Can you tell me more about your service provider “Compliance & Risks”?”

Founded in **2002**, Irish-owned Compliance & Risks helps brands, retailers and their supply chain partners monitor and manage requirements, regulations and standards for a cleaner, safer and better world. Partnering with the WFSGI, Compliance & Risks is providing a **unique, custom solution** to address the needs of our members for a Compliant Labelling Requirements (CLR) Database.

Their current clients include **Microsoft, BSH, Airbus Defence and Space, IBM, Hewlett-Packard**; and within our space of Sporting Goods: **Callaway, PING, Avery Dennison, Nike, Canada Goose, and Columbia Sportswear, among several other companies**.

### 23. “Who is already participating in this initiative and who made the pre-investment to build the WFSGI CLR database?”

The set-up companies mentioned below are financing the building of the WFSGI CLR database.

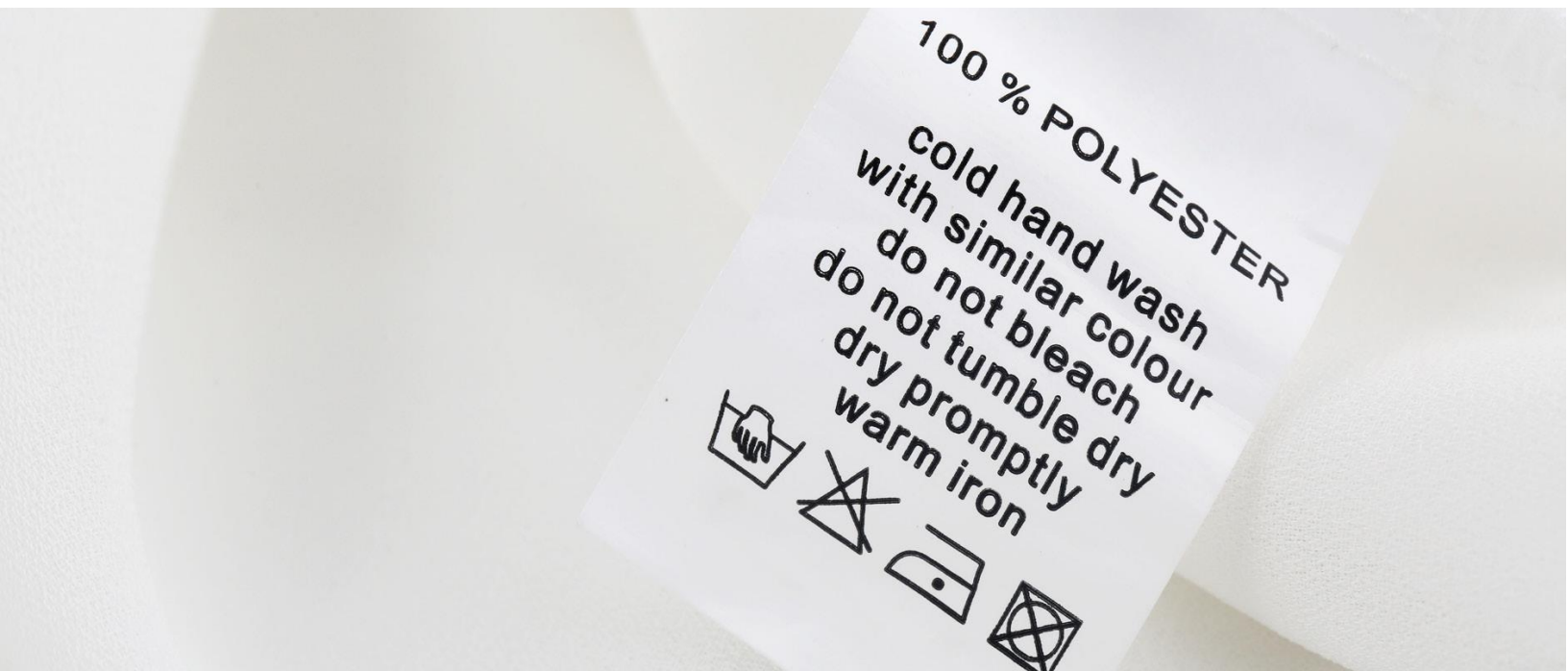
Names of the Set-Up Companies	
1	Asics Corp.
2	BMC Switzerland AG
3	Canyon Bicycles GmbH
4	Columbia Sportswear Company
5	IIC-INTERSPORT International Corporation GmbH
6	New Balance Athletics, Inc.
7	Nike Inc
8	Pentland Brands Limited
9	Under Armour Inc
10	VF Corporation

## ABOUT THE WFSGI

WFSGI is an independent not-for-profit association with over 280 direct members and 5'000 indirect members and the largest names in the industry - collectively representing 70% of global industry turnover. WFSGI was founded in 1978 with a mandate to unite and serve sports and sports-inspired leisure brands, manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, national/regional federations, industry and trade associations and all sporting goods industry related businesses.

The WFSGI is composed of Executive and Board members, 8 core Committees and additional working groups which exchange information on various issues and topics. WFSGI Members meet at least once per year in an Ordinary General Assembly called the "Annual Meeting". The General Assembly approves the budget and strategic direction of the WFSGI as proposed by the Board.

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## ABOUT COMPLIANCE & RISKS

Founded in 2002, Irish-owned Compliance & Risks helps manufacturers, retailers and their supply chain partners monitor and manage requirements, regulations and standards for a cleaner, safer and better world. It creates business advantage for clients by providing reliable legislative information, insights and actions through C2P, its knowledge management platform, consulting, market access, managed services and other solutions.

The company is recognized as the end to end global regulatory solutions provider across the technology, consumer goods and retail, industrial goods and life sciences sectors. Headquartered in Cork, they also have offices in Brussels, California, London and New York. For more information on Compliance & Risks and the WFSGI CLR Database, please email [info@complianceandrisk.com](mailto:info@complianceandrisk.com) or call +353 (0)21 435 1990.

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