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# QUALITY CONTROL (EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND LOCAL GOODS) ACT, 1971

## (ACT NO. XIII OF 1971)

## Footwear Order, 1989
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IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Quality Control (Exports, Imports and Local Goods) Act, 1971, the Malta Board of Standards, has made the following order:—

Citation and commencement.

**1.1** This order may be cited as the Footwear Order, 1989, and may be referred to as Order No. M23 of 1989.

**1.2** This order shall become operative on a date after the lapse of 20 days from the day on which it is laid on the Table of the House of Representatives, which date shall be notified by the Board in the Gazette.

Scope.

**2.1** This order applies only to men's, women's, children's and infants' shoes, boots and sandals but excludes footwear usually known as clogs, or footwear consisting solely of an outer sole and one or two straps at the front, popularly known as flip flops, and bedroom slippers.

Applicability.

**3.1** The provisions of this order are applicable only to imported goods and goods manufactured for the local market.

**3.2** Special type of footwear should, in addition to the requirements of this order, have the characteristics particular to their end use or to meet specialist need.

Conformity.

**4.1** No footwear shall be imported, sold or offered for sale unless it conforms with the requirements of this order.

Material.

**5.1** Footwear shall be made of the following material:—

**5.1.1** Outsoles shall be made of leather, synthetic material or rubber, or mixtures thereof.

**5.1.2.** Uppers shall be made of leather, synthetic material or textile, or mixtures thereof.

**5.1.3** Insoles shall be made of tough leather, synthetic material or suitably bonded fibres. They shall be resistant to moisture and shall not soften after a few weeks in use so as to sink into the outsole leaving outsole marks inside the footwear, causing discomfort to the wearer.

**5.1.4** If lining is present, it shall be made of leather, soft synthetic material or textile.

Durability.

**6.1** All footwear parts shall be sufficiently durable so as to prevent their premature failure resulting in undue decrease in comfort, appearance or foot protection.

Finish.

**7.1** Footwear shall be well and cleanly finished and free from internal and external edges which could cause discomfort to the wearer.

Labelling.

**8.1** The following information shall be clearly shown on each item of footwear by one or more of the methods of engraving; stamped markings; or adhesive label:—

**8.1.1** The size of the footwear in European or equivalent British Sizing System.

**8.1.2** The brand name or trade mark; or the name and address of the manufacturer.

**8.1.2.1** Where the brand name is not entered in a list kept by the Director of Industry nor is the trade mark registered with the Comptroller of Industrial Property, the inclusion in the label of the name and address of the manufacturer shall be compulsory.

**8.1.3** The principal materials of the uppers and outsole, such as "leather uppers", "synthetic outsole".

**8.1.4** Where footwear requires special cleaning or care, a leaflet giving advice on this shall be provided.

Imported articles.

**9.1** In the case of imported footwear, the country of origin must be shown in addition to the requirements of this order.

**9.2** The importation of goods falling under this order shall not be allowed unless the importer produces evidence that the brand name or trade mark or the name and address of the manufacturer is registered with the Director of Industry.

**9.3** In the case of imported footwear, the importer assumes responsibility for compliance with this order.

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