**CARE LABELLING**

**BASIC PRINCIPLES OF CARE LABELLING**

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When purchasing textiles, consumers should check the textile articles before buying them, and make sure instructions.

**Provide maximum information for textile care**

Care label symbols provide information on the maximum permitted treatment and on the proper care of textile professionals cleaners (laundries, drycleaners).

The symbols refer to the most critical aspect of a textile article's care treatment. This includes: colouring, finishing, accessories (such as buttons, zips) and applications.

The details are a matter for the manufacturers and must be truthful. Nonetheless, care labelling is not a guarantee of quality.

**Maximum possible treatment, but can be lower...**

Care performed on the basis of the information given on the label provides a guarantee that the textile product will not be damaged.

Milder treatments and lower temperatures than those indicated on the label are always permitted.

For greater clarity, the full series of symbols must be included on the labels without exception. The following seq