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## 22 Care Labeling: Challenges in Harmonization

**By Kilara Le**

Our clothing comes with instructions hidden in its interiors. If you are one of those people who actually read them, care labels are the guides to keeping washable softline items, like our clothes and linens, looking good throughout their lifecycle. Sometimes there are just symbols, but they are often accompanied by short instructive sentences, and increasingly, translations in multiple languages. As brands become more global, making sure that these instructions can be understood wherever a garment is sold and by whomever the garment is purchased by is becoming more important.

## 28 Smart Textiles for Home Safety

**By Nicola Davies**

Security is an important feature of a smart, connected home. Traditionally, home security systems may have been composed of devices such as locks, alarms, and surveillance cameras. However, with the increased internet connectivity of smart homes, houses can now be secured with several other devices. The Internet of Things (IoT) and the use of electronics in textiles is expanding the potential functions of fabrics in the field of home safety. While smart locks, alarms, and cameras are still essential components of a home security system, it is now possible for smart textiles to assist traditional home security devices in more advanced ways.