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Ramie & Wool Sweaters



A **Territory Ahead** sweater (China) with a content label listing 55% Ramie, 45% Wool was found to be mislabeled.

The true contents were wool and linen-Shatnez!

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The lesson: Ramie and linen are interchangeable; therefore garments listing ramie should be checked for shatnez.



What is Ramie?

Ramie, also known as “Chinese linen,” is cultivated mainly in China and South America. It is a plant that grows to a height of 4-6 ft, or possibly higher. It can be harvested up to six times a year, and needs an environment with high rainfall and rich soil, in order to grow.

Ramie is blended with other fibers, such as wool, cotton and rayon, for clothing materials and is commonly used for sweaters.

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