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Ethical Product Labels as Effective Tools of Private Governance? : A discussion from the apparel industry

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