

TEXTILES COMMITTEE

(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE)

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S.O. In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 23 of the Textiles Committee Act, 1963 (No. 41 of 1963) read with sub-clauses (c) and (d) of sub-section 2 of section 4 of the same Act, the Textiles Committee, with the previous sanction of the Central Government, makes the following Regulations establishing inspection standards for 'Mill-made Cotton Made-up Articles (Towels)' meant for export and specifying the type of inspection to be applied.

1. SHORT TITLE:

These regulations may be called 'Mill-made Cotton Made-up Articles (Towels) Inspection Regulations, 1969'.

2. DEFINITION:

(a) 'Committee' means the Textiles Committee.

(b) 'Lot' means the quantity of the material purporting to be of one definite type and quality.

(c) 'Major Flaw' means—

(i) weft crack of three or more missing picks across the width of the fabric,

(ii) weft bar due to the difference in raw material, count, twist, lustre, colour, shade or pick spacing of adjacent groups of weft yarn (Not applicable in the case of terry towels),

(iii) more than two adjacent ends running parallel, broken or missing and extending beyond 6 inches,

(iv) prominent selvedge defect,

(v) noticeable warp or weft float in the body of the fabric,

(vi) noticeable and unwashable oil or other stain in the fabric,

(vii) noticeable oily weft in the fabric,

(viii) prominently noticeable slub or slubby weft,

(ix) conspicuous broken pattern,

(x) gout due to foreign matter usually lint or waste woven into the fabric,

(xi) prominent pile-less spot and prominently uneven or loose piles,

(xii) defective hemming exceeding 1" in length,

(xiii) blurred or dark patch,

(xiv) patchy or streaky or uneven dyeing,

(xv) dye bar,

(xvi) prominent stain,

(xvii) printing defect caused by non-alignment of printing screen or roll,

(xviii) uneven printing or tinting,

(xix) prominent printing defect caused by hanging thread,

(xx) printing defect caused by cloth being wrinkled,

(xxi) bad printing or dyeing on selvedge mainly due to selvedge crease, and

(xxii) doctor's stain or line.

(d) 'Material' means mill-made or power-loom cotton towels, but excludes mops, corded napkins, osnaberg squares, terry-squares mainly used for wiping and dusting purposes and also excludes 'seconds' and 'fents' as defined in the Textile Control Order.

(e) 'Serious Flaw' means—

- (i) more than one adjacent end missing in the body of the material running throughout the article or more than three ends missing at a place and running over 24" or prominently noticeable double ends running throughout the material,
- (ii) undressed snarls noticeable throughout the material,
- (iii) smash definitely rupturing the texture of material,
- (iv) hole, cut or tear in the body of the material more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " in size,
- (v) defective or damaged selvedge throughout the piece,
- (vi) absence of heading where heading is required.

3. OFFERING OF MATERIAL FOR INSPECTION:

- (i) The manufacturer/exporter will be responsible for carrying out inspection of the material prior to offering the same for inspection so as to eliminate any material which is not upto the required standard and to rectify the rectifiable defects such as loose threads, snarls, removable stains etc.
- (ii) The pre-inspected material shall be offered for inspection either in loose condition or in the form of packed bales, in a well-lighted shed,

(iii) The manufacturer/exporter shall apply for inspection in the prescribed proforma at least one week in advance.

4. INSPECTION CRITERIA:

- (a) The inspection of the material shall be both with reference to specifications and flaws:
 - (i) The material shall be inspected according to the requirements of the overseas buyer in respect of specification particulars stipulated in the contract or specification particulars governing the quality number mentioned in the contract.
 - (ii) Where the specification particulars are not stipulated but the contract is with reference to shipment sample, the material shall be inspected on the basis of such a sample.
- (b) In the case of dyed, printed and coloured woven material, there will be no inspection or test for colour fastness unless the buyer expressly specifies the standards for colour fastness required.

5. SAMPLING FOR INSPECTION:

- (a) When material is offered in loose condition:—The inspector shall select at random 5% of the total number of units offered for inspection subject to a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 100 units for inspection for quality viz. presence of weaving and other flaws. 5 units of those selected for detailed inspection shall be examined for construction particulars such as ends/picks per inch, length, width and weight per piece.

(b) When a material is offered in packed condition:—The Inspector shall select at random, a minimum of one bale/case out of every 5 bales/cases or part thereof offered for inspection subject to a maximum of 5 bales/cases per lot. From out of the bales opened for inspection, the Inspector shall select at random 5% of the total number of units offered for inspection subject to a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 100 units for inspection for quality viz. presence of weaving and other flaws. 5 units out of those selected for detailed inspection shall be examined for constructional particulars such as ends/picks/inch, length, width and weight/piece.

6. DRAWING OF SAMPLES FOR TEST:

A minimum of one sample of 0.9 metre full width for every 1000 units or part thereof subject to a maximum of three samples shall be drawn for tests for count of yarn. In the case of small units the sample drawn shall be as many units as are required to make up 0.9 metre.

7. REJECTION CRITERIA:

The lot shall be rejected for any one of the following reasons:

- (a) If the number of major flaws in the sample selected for detailed inspection exceeds the number indicated in the column 2 or 3 as the case may be of the table below.
- (b) If any of the units in the sample selected for detailed inspection contains a serious flaw or does not conform to the specification particulars stipulated in the contract and/or of the approved sample, a fresh sample of the same size shall be examined. If in the second sample any of the units contains a serious flaw or does not conform to the specification particulars stipulated in the contract and/or the approved sample.

8. PERMISSIBLE TOLERANCE:

When determining whether the material conforms to the construction and other particulars stipulated in the contract and/or approved sample the following tolerances

Number of units selected for inspection	No. of Major Flaws permissible	
	Area of unit above one sq. metre	Area of unit one sq. metre or below
20 to 29	3	2
30 to 39	4	3
40 to 49	5	4
50 to 59	7	4
60 to 69	8	5
70 to 79	9	6
80 to 89	10	7
90 to 100	12	8

shall be allowed, unless different tolerances are specified in the export contract:

- (a) Count of yarn : $\pm 5\%$
- (b) Ends/inch : $\pm 5\%$
- (c) Picks/inch : $\pm 5\%$
- (d) Weight/piece : $- 5\%$ and no limit on plus side (weight of the piece shall be determined by weighing at least a dozen units).
- (e) Length and Width: $\pm 5\%$ provided the average is not less than $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the stamped length/width.

9. **INSPECTION FOR CONSTRUCTION:**
When determining construction particulars the Inspector shall observe the following directions:

- (a) Width shall be measured at least in three different places per unit,

- (b) Ends per inch shall be counted at least in two different places across the width of the unit,

- (c) Picks per inch shall be counted at least in two different places per unit.

10. **PACKING AND SEALING:**

The lot inspected and passed shall be marked with the required stamps and packed into bales/cases in the presence of the Inspector. The material so packed shall be sealed by the Inspector.

11. **CERTIFICATE:**

In respect of each lot inspected and not rejected under Regulation 7, a certificate shall be issued to the party concerned by an Officer of the Committee authorised by the Committee in this behalf.

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