

TEXTILES COMMITTEE

(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE)

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1. SHORT TITLE:

These Regulations may be called 'Cotton Sewing Thread Inspection Regulations, 1969'.

2. DEFINITION:

(a) 'Committee' means the Textiles Committee.

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

(c) 'Material' means twisted cotton thread of sufficient tenacity suitable for sewing purposes.

3. OFFERING OF MATERIAL FOR INSPECTION:

(i) The manufacturer/exporter shall 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.

(ii) The material shall be offered for inspection in the form of packed cases 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) Inspection of the material shall be both with reference to specifications

and general appearance. The material shall be inspected according to the requirement of the overseas buyer in respect of specification particulars stipulated in the contract or specification particulars governing the quality number mentioned in the contract.

(b) In the case of dyed material there shall be no test for colour fastness unless the buyer expressly specifies the standards for colour fastness required.

5. SAMPLING FOR INSPECTION:

The Inspector shall select at random the required number of cases as shown in the Table-I, below:—

TABLE-I

Number of cases in a lot	Number of cases to be taken
2	1
3 to 4	2
5 to 6	3
7 to 24	4
25 to 50	5
More than 50	10 percent

From each of the selected cases, he shall then take out at random the number of packets as shown in the Table-II, below:—

Number of packets in a case	Number of packets to be taken
Upto 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 125	5
More than 125	6

The material in the selected packets shall be inspected for general appearance including unevenness, presence of snarls, presence of neps and other surface impurities such as knots, slubs etc.

6. DRAWING OF SAMPLES FOR TEST:

From the packets selected for inspection of general appearance 15 units (spools, tubes etc.) shall be drawn at random for determination of such characteristics as count, construction, turns per inch and ply, balance of twist, single thread breaking strength, length per unit package, winding defects (such as cobwebbing, sloughing off and entanglements etc.).

7. REJECTION CRITERIA:

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

- (a) If the general appearance of the material is poor.
- (b) If the material does not conform to the specifications and other particulars stipulated in the contract.

8. PERMISSIBLE TOLERANCES:

When determining whether the material conforms to the specifications and other particulars stipulated in the contract, the following tolerances shall be allowed unless different tolerances are specified in the contract:

- (a) Count : $\pm 5\%$

(b) Length of unit package: As specified in the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry Notification (Trade and Merchandise Marks), New Delhi dated the 20th September, 1962. (Copy of the extract given as Annexure.)

(c) Breaking strength : No negative tolerance.

(d) Stability of twist : There shall not be more than 5 retwist in the loop when the two ends of the thread gripped by hand at an approximate distance of 1.5 metres are brought together.

9. PACKING AND SEALING:

The lot inspected and passed shall be marked with the required Stamps. The cases opened for inspection shall be repacked in the presence of the Inspector and all the cases in the lot shall be sealed by the Inspector.

10. 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 in this behalf. Such certificate shall be issued after completion of inspection and necessary laboratory tests.

ANNEXURE—A

Extract from the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Trade & Merchandise Marks), Notification No. SO 2937, dated the 20th September, 1962.

V. A trade description of length or weight for cotton threads:

- (i) in units of 91.1 metres (100 yards) or less:
 - (a) the actual length or weight of any individual unit shall not be over 5 per cent below the declared length or weight of the units in the smallest packet or box, and
 - (b) the total actual length or weight of the units in the smallest packet

or box shall not be over 2 per cent below the declared total length or weight.

(ii) in units of more than 91.1 metres (100 yards):

- (a) the length or weight of any individual unit shall not be over 1.25 per cent below the declared length or weight of the unit in the smallest packet or box, and
- (b) the total actual length or weight of the units in the smallest packet or box shall not be over 1 per cent below the declared total length or weight.