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Government of India
Ministry of Textiles
Textiles Trade Promotion Section

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 29th July, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Notifying BIS standard on VSF as QCO: Notification of the QCO to WTO and public domain

The undersigned is directed to say that it is a reference for making the BIS Standard viz., IS 17266:2019 for Textiles - Viscose Staple Fibre mandatory through QCO.

2. Ministry of Textiles had decided that the BIS standards for Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF-IS17266:2019) formulated by Bureau of Indian Standards has to be made mandatory. Industry has informed that all the viscose staple fibre manufacturing plants in India have been issued BIS license by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the explicit condition that they will mark entire/substantial production which conforms to the Indian standards.

3. There is an urgent need to make them applicable on imports which will restrict imports of sub-standard VSF products by mandating the BIS Certification with BIS VSF Standard.

4. Accordingly, the Textiles Committee prepared the draft QCO. Textiles Committee, had consulted trade & industry associations including SRTEPC, CITI, BTRA, SASMIRA etc., and it was unanimously recommended to make the BIS standard viz., IS 17266:2019 for Textiles - Viscose Staple Fibre - Specifications mandatory through QCO. Representatives of BIS also participated in it.

5. The draft QCO were shared with BIS and comments were sought from them. As per the comments received, draft QCO have been duly revised.

6. Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice has also vetted the draft QCO and found it formally in order.


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7. As the next step, Department of Commerce is requested to notify the QCO on WTO giving a time limit of 60 days to receive comments.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: as above



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Copy to:

1. Shri Ajit B Chavan, Secretary, Textiles Committee: with a request to publish the QCO on their website for seeking comments from general public giving a time limit of 60 days to receive comments.
2. Shri Rajeev Gulati, Technical Director, NIC, M/o Textiles: with a request to publish the QCO on MoT's official website for seeking comments from general public giving a time limit of 60 days to receive comments.

1/8/2022

**Government of India
Ministry of Textiles
Textiles Committee**

Order

New Delhi, the-----, 2022

S.O.----- (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 16 read with section 17 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after consultation with the Bureau of Indian Standards, being of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do in the public interest, hereby makes the following order, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement and application. – (1) This order may be called the Viscose Staple Fibres (Quality Control) Order, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force on the expiry of one hundred and eighty days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(3) It shall apply to goods or articles specified in column (1) of the Table below, but shall not apply to such goods or articles meant for export, which conform to the specification required by the Foreign Buyer.

2. Conformity to standards and compulsory use of Standard Mark. - Goods or articles specified in column (1) of the Table below shall conform to the corresponding Indian Standard given in column (2) of the said Table and shall bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018.

3. Conformity Assessment, Certification and enforcement authority. - The Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority in respect of the goods or articles specified in column (1) of the Table. In addition, an officer not below the rank of Assistant Director, Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India shall also be the enforcing authority.

4. Penalty for contravention. - Any person who contravenes the provisions of this order shall be punishable under the provisions of the said Act.

Table

Goods or article (1)	Indian Standard (2)	Title for Indian Standard (3)
Viscose Staple Fibres	IS 17266:2019	Textiles- Viscose Staple Fibres- Specification

Note: For the purposes of this table, the latest version of Indian Standards including the amendments issued thereof, as may be notified by the Bureau from time to time, shall apply from the date of such notification.

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(Ajit B Chavan)
Secretary, Textiles Committee