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British Standard Glossary of

Terms relating to fabrics and associated
fibres, yarns and processes

Glossaire des termes relatifs aux étoffes et aux fibres, fils et processus associés

Begriffe für Gewebe und für die dazu verwendeten Fasern, Garne und Verfahren

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Foreword

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This revision of this British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Textiles and Clothing Standards Policy Committee. It supersedes BS 6189 : 1981, which is withdrawn.

The principal changes introduced are that the standard has been revised taking into account:

- (a) current information; and
- (b) where appropriate, definitions in the latest edition of *Textile Terms and Definitions*, published by the Textile Institute*.

The fibre, yarn and processing terms defined in this glossary are those associated with the fabric construction terms defined in section two. A number of terms relating to silk that do not meet this criterion are included in appendix A, since definitions for these terms are not readily available elsewhere.

Some definitions in this standard differ from those given in *Textile Terms and Definitions*, e.g. where current usage has changed since the last edition of *Textile Terms and Definitions* was published or where, for the purposes of a British Standard, a more restricted definition is appropriate.

Generic names for man-made fibres, which are defined in BS 4815, are not included in the glossary. Definitions of generic names for natural fibres have been published as ISO 6938 and the resulting information is expected to be implemented as a British Standard. BS 7089 gives a definition of nonwovens and definitions of terms relating to nonwovens are also being prepared for a British Standard. Other British Standard glossaries covering textiles are BS 3724 (fibre ropes and cordage), BS 4440 (fishing nets) and BS 5523 (weaves).

Calculation of fibre content. All references in this standard to the fibre content of a fabric indicate content in terms of mass as determined in accordance with BS 4407, namely, anhydrous mass of the material plus the appropriate conventional regain factor set out in BS 4407.

Editorial note. In some cases, where two or more terms have the same meaning, one is preferred and is printed in bold type, the other being printed in medium type and, if deprecated, so marked. Rarely, where two terms are considered to be of equal standing, both are given in bold type.

Italicized words in definitions indicate terms that are defined elsewhere in this standard. In this glossary, parentheses () enclose optional words or phrases that can be omitted from the term or definition without affecting the meaning.

Terms marked with an asterisk are defined similarly in *Textile Terms and Definitions*.

Compliance with a British Standard does not of itself confer immunity from legal obligations. In particular, attention is drawn to the need, if appropriate, for the fibre content to be given in accordance with Statutory Instrument 1986 No. 26 Trade Descriptions, The Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986.

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