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Garment quality and relevant British Standards

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Clothing Standards Committee.

In December 1979, Parts 1, 2 and 3 of BS 5750 'Quality systems' were published. These standards specify requirements for three basic levels of system for the assurance of material and services as follows:

- Part 1. Specification for design, manufacture and installation
- Part 2. Specification for manufacture and installation
- Part 3. Specification for final inspection and test.

The level of system necessary to assure quality will depend on the nature of the material or service required.

The publication of BS 5750 reflected the growing interest in and demand for a standard dealing with the maintenance of quality in materials or services that would be able to provide means of assessing the capabilities of any quality control system. Within the clothing industry, however, it was suggested that although BS 5750 was of direct relevance to the larger manufacturers it could well be that many of the smaller manufacturers would not be able to use BS 5750 easily. It was therefore proposed that a standard should be produced for this part of the clothing industry.

This standard, by reference to existing standards, covers recommended procedures for selection of materials and

quality checking through the garment-making process.

These procedures highlight the factors in design, specification and production that particularly affect final garment quality and refer to British Standards dealing with aspects of quality assurance and control.

The aim is to list the factors that should be taken into account in the manufacture of a garment that will affect its quality and to link these factors to stages in garment production. Thus at each stage in production, and this standard covers all forms of garment assembly including knitwear, there is identified a group of standards relevant to quality and fitness for purpose for the materials or processes being used.

The lists are not exhaustive and are intended as guides. No performance level values are set since these will vary and should be selected according to the fabric and the type of garment to be produced. However, all the factors listed are important in the maintenance of good quality in all types of garment.

Detailed recommendations on machine maintenance have not been included as it was considered that it would be impossible to cover all types of machinery likely to be used in the clothing industry.

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