INFLAMMABLE TEXTILE FABRICS

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The Fabrics (Misdescription) Regulations, 1959

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The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by section 1 of the Fabrics (Misdescription) Act, 1913(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and by the Transfer of Functions (Misdescription of Fabrics) Order, 1957(b), hereby make the following Regulations:—

Non-inflammability: Prescribed standards for textile fabrics

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, a textile fabric to which is attributed the quality of non-inflammability or safety from fire shall be deemed to conform to the requisite standard of non-inflammability for the purposes of the Act if, when tested in accordance with the prescribed method of test both before and again after being subjected to the appropriate washing treatment specified in appendix A to the British Standard No. 3120 published on the 23rd day of March, 1959, the requisite specimens of the fabric comply with the requirements of clause 3 of that British Standard.

(2) In ascertaining pursuant to paragraph (1) of this regulation whether a textile fabric made up into apparel designed for use by an individual in the course of employment and indelibly marked in the manner prescribed in sub-clauses (*a*) and (*b*) (i) of clause 9 of the revised British Standard No. 1547 published on the 23rd day of March, 1959, conforms to the requisite standard of non-inflammability the specimens shall be tested without being subjected to the washing treatment specified in appendix A to the said British Standard No. 3120.

(3) The method of test specified in British Standard No. 3119 published on the 23rd day of March, 1959, is hereby prescribed for the purposes of this regulation.

2.—(1) A textile fabric to which a degree of the quality of non-inflammability or safety from fire is attributed shall be deemed to conform to the requisite standard of non-inflammability for the purposes of the Act if, when tested in accordance with the prescribed method of test both before and again after being subjected to the appropriate washing treatment specified in appendix A to the British Standard No. 3121 published on the 23rd day of March, 1959, the requisite specimens of the fabric comply with the requirements set out in clause 3 of that British Standard.

(2) The method of test specified as Method A (The Vertical Strip Test) in the British Standard No. 2963 published on the 18th day of February, 1958 is hereby prescribed for the purposes of this regulation.

(a) 3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 17. (b) S.I. 1957/1077 (1957 I, p. 1438).

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations " British Standard " means a standard specification formulated by the British Standards Institution and published under the authority of the General Council of that Institution in its B.S. series.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these Regulations and the Regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Revocation, citation and commencement

4.—(1) The Regulations dated 20th January, 1914 by the Secretary of State(b) and the Regulations dated 12th February, 1914 by the Secretary of State for Scotland(c) made under section 1 of the Act are hereby revoked.

(2) These Regulations may be cited as the Fabrics (Misdescription) Regulations, 1959, and shall come into operation on the 11th day of May, 1959.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1959.

John Rodgers,
Parliamentary Secretary
to the Board of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 11th May, 1959, prescribe new standards of non-inflammability for textile fabrics to which the Fabrics (Misdescription) Act, 1913 applies, namely, textile fabrics to which is attributed the quality of non-inflammability or safety from fire or any degree of that quality.

The new standards, which have been formulated and published by the British Standards Institution, replace those prescribed in earlier Regulations made by the Secretary of State on 20th January, 1914, and by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 12th February, 1914, which are now revoked.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.R. & O. 1914/48 (Rev. X, p. 1063: 1914 I, p. 686).
(c) S.R. & O. 1914/159 (Rev. X, p. 1064: 1914 I, p. 687).