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Textiles – Code of practice for inspection and acceptance
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0 FOREWORD.

Used textile products have been in the Tanzanian market for quite a while. Therefore to ensure that the consumer gets good quality used textile goods a code of Practice for inspection and acceptance criteria has become necessary.

This revised Code of Practice lays down conformity criteria for used textile products and requirements of the relevant Draft Tanzania Standards, including other requirements on packaging, sampling and acceptance.

1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 This Draft Tanzania Standard prescribes a code of practice for inspection and acceptance criteria for used textile products. It also applies to used garments of all types, sizes and fibre composition.
- 1.2 In the preparation of this Draft Tanzania Standard, assistance was derived from EAS 356:2004 – Code of practice for inspection and acceptance criteria for used textile products (Mitumba).

2 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this draft Tanzania standard the following definitions shall apply:

2.1 Used textile product - textile product which has been used previously and that is likely to be offered to a subsequent user.

2.2 Defect - departure of quality characteristic that results in a textile product not complying with its intended normal usage requirements.

2.3 Inspection - activities such as measuring, examining, gauging one or more characteristics of a product or service and comparing these with specified requirements to determine conformity.

2.4 Grade - indicator of category or rank related to features or characteristics that cover different sets of needs for products or services intended for the same functional use.

2.5 Consignment - part or all of the goods sent to a person or a place for any purpose. All used textile products received by whatever means through any port of entry or that are on transit shall be understood to be consignments.

2.6 Lot - collection of bales from which samples shall be drawn and inspected to determine conformance to the acceptable criteria.

2.7 Bale - collection of used textile products packed together in a suitable material bound with metallic or Polypropylene strip tapes (see figure 1).

2.8 Nightwear - types of garments meant for use as sleepwear such as pajamas, night dresses, night gowns and patient's hospital wear.

2.9 Undergarments - types of garments that are worn next to the skin such as socks and stockings, ladies' lingerie, gent's briefs, and vests.

3 PACKAGES AND PACKAGING

3.1 No package shall contain undergarments, nightwear or used bath towels.

3.2 No package shall contain used cloth with serious defects of grades B or C (see clause 7).

3.3 Each consignment shall be accompanied by a fumigation certificate from a recognized institution of the country of origin or export and, that country has had no any epidemic relating to leprosy, tuberculosis, cholera, anthrax, plague, diphtheria, tularemia, pertussis or any other contagious diseases.

3.4 The garments in the consignment shall be dry and reasonably clean

3.5 A bale shall have a gross mass of not more than 600 kilograms

3.6 The bale covering shall be of suitable, material such as polypropylene or polyethylene so as to protect the contents from any type of contamination or soiling.

4. MARKING

Each bale shall be marked with the following information;

- a) Mass of bale in kg
- b) Type and grade of garments.
- c) Supplier's name and address
- d) Importer's or consignee's name
- e) Country of origin

4 SAMPLING AND INSPECTION

4.1 Sampling

4.1.1 The number of bales shall be selected at random from each lot in accordance with sampling plan given in 5.1.3.

4.1.2 Each bale in the sampled lot shall be opened and 2 (two) garments shall be drawn at random for inspection and testing.

TABLE 1 – SAMPLING PLAN

Volume of consignment (bales)	Lot size (bales)
1 to 3	1
4 to 9	2
10 to 27	3
28 to 81	4
82 to 243	7
244 to 729	10
Above 730	15

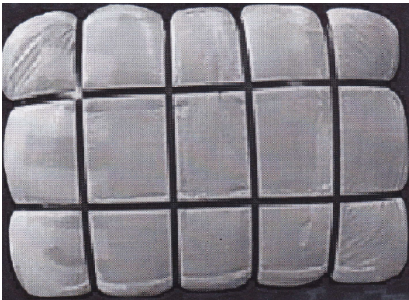


Fig.1 – A bale.

5.2 Inspection

5.2.1 If the inspector's assessment reveals that the garments are new or a mixture of used and new garments, the whole consignment shall be rejected as comprising used garments and all requirements for new garments shall apply.

5.2.2 All samples shall be inspected for defects specified in table 3. If they are found to comply with Table 2 the samples shall then be tested in accordance with clause 7 of this Tanzania standard.

6. CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

6.1 The consignment shall be declared as acceptable if it complies with the following requirements.

6.1.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by a fumigation certificate.

6.1.2 The consignment shall comply with 3.1.

6.1.3 The consignment shall comply with 3.2.

6.1.4 The mass of the bale shall be as per 3.4.

6.1.5 The samples shall comply with Table 2.

TABLE 2 – PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF DEFECTIVES

CONSIGNMENT (NUMBER OF BALES)	SAMPLE LOT SIZE (BALES)	NUMBER OF SAMPLES (GARMENTS)	PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF DEFECTIVES		
			Defectives with visually Observed Defects		
			Serious	Major	Minor
1 to 3	1	2	0	1	2
4 to 9	2	4	1	2	3
10 to 27	3	6	2	3	4
28 to 81	4	8	2	4	5
82 to 243	7	14	3	5	7
244 to 729	10	20	5	7	10
Above 730.	15	130	7	8	15

7. GRADING OF USED TEXTILES BASED ON DEFECTS.

7.1 The garment samples shall be examined for visual defects and graded to ascertain conformity of grade A as per Table 3.

7.2 The whole consignment shall be condemned if bales are found to comprise with used textiles of grades B and C.

TABLE 3 – GRADING BY VISUAL INSPECTION

SN	GRADES	CLASSIFICATION	CRITERIA FOR GRADING
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1	A	Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slub• Double Yarn• Straying End• Bruise
2	B	Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bad Odors• Mottled Appearance• Dropped Stitch
3	C	Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holes• Tear• Stain• Burns