



## DRAFT TANZANIA STANDARD

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Textiles — Requirements for inspection and acceptance of used textile products – Part 3: Used belts.

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## Foreword

This Draft Tanzania Standard is being developed by the Household Textile Technical Committee under supervision of the Textile and Leather Division Standards Committee and it is in accordance with the procedures of the Bureau.

This Draft Tanzania Standard has been prepared with assistance drawn from:

*EAC 356, Textiles — Requirements for inspection and acceptance of used textile products*

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## **1. Scope**

1.1 This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, sampling methods, and inspection criteria for used belts intended for resale or continued use.

## **2. Normative References**

There are no normative references in this document

## **3. Terms and Terminologies**

For the purpose of this Draft Tanzania Standard the following definitions shall apply:

### **3.1 belt**

a flexible strip of material, typically leather, fabric, or synthetic material, worn around the waist

### **3.2 used belt**

belt that has been previously owned, utilized, or worn, and is intended for resale, redistribution, or continued use

### **3.3 defect**

departure of a quality characteristic that results in a belt not complying with its intended normal usage requirements

### **3.4 used textile product**

textile product which has been used previously and that is to be offered to a subsequent user

### **3.5 defect**

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

### **3.6 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

### **3.7 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.

### **3.8 lot**

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

### **3.9 bale**

collection of used travelling bags packed together in a suitable material, and may or may not be bound with metallic or textile strips

## **4 Requirements**

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#### **4.1 Safety requirements**

**The following safety requirements shall apply:**

- a) each consignment shall be accompanied by a fumigation certificate from a authorized organization of the country of origin or export;
- b) consignments shall not be accepted from countries experiencing epidemic or endemic outbreaks, or radioactive disasters;
- c) belts shall be dry, clean, and free from dirt or soiling;
- d) a bale shall have a gross mass not exceeding 50 kg where manual loading and offloading is involved;
- e) belts shall not contain sharp edges, protrusions, or broken parts that may cause injury;
- f) belts shall not contain hazardous residues or substances above permissible national limits.

#### **4.2 Structural integrity**

**The following requirements shall apply:**

- a) buckles, fasteners, and decorative fittings shall be intact, functional, and securely attached;
- b) stitching shall be firm, without excessive fraying or separation;
- c) adjustment holes shall not be excessively stretched, torn, or deformed.

#### **4.3 Material condition**

**The following requirements shall apply:**

- a) textile belts shall be free from large tears, holes, or excessive wear;
- b) leather belts shall be free from cracks, peeling, or foul odours;
- c) coated fabric belts shall not exhibit delamination or severe surface damage;
- d) plastic components shall not exhibit brittleness, deformation, or sharp edges.

## **5 Performance and Inspection Requirements**

### **5.1 General**

The performance and inspection requirements specified in this clause shall apply to all consignments of used belts covered by this standard.

### **5.2 Visual inspection**

**The following shall be verified during inspection:**

- a) Absence of serious, major, and minor defects as classified in Annex ;
- b) Integrity of stitching, seams, and decorative elements;
- c) Condition of buckles, fasteners, and adjustment holes.

### **5.3 Functional performance**

**The following functional requirements shall be met:**

- a) Buckles and fasteners shall operate smoothly without jamming or breakage;
- b) Adjustment holes shall allow secure fastening without tearing;
- c) Belts shall withstand normal fastening and unfastening without structural failure;
- d) Elasticity, where applicable (e.g. textile belts), shall not be excessively degraded.

#### **5.4 Hygiene verification**

**The following hygiene requirements shall be confirmed:**

- a) Belts shall be free from mould, mildew, pests, or visible contamination;
- b) Belts shall not emit offensive or harmful odours;
- c) Belts shall have undergone disinfection treatment in accordance with 5.6.

#### **5.5 Documentation**

**The following documentation shall be available for inspection:**

- a) Fumigation certificate issued by authorized organization;
- b) Carton markings in accordance with Clause 6.2 ;
- c) Inspection records demonstrating compliance with this clause.

#### **5.6 Disinfection**

- a) All consignments of used bags shall be subjected to **disinfection treatment** prior to packing and shipment.
- b) Disinfection shall be carried out using methods and agents approved by the relevant health and regulatory authorities to eliminate insects, mold, and other contaminants.
- c) After disinfection, bags shall be aerated adequately to remove residual chemicals or moisture before packing.
- d) Each bale shall bear a clear marking or stamp indicating:
  - i. *DISINFECTED*
  - ii. Date of treatment
  - iii. Type of disinfection method used (e.g., chemical, heat, ozone)
  - iv. Name of the authorized service provider
- e) Fumigation certificate of shall be maintained by the supplier and made available to inspectors upon request.

### **6 Packing and Marking**

#### **6.1 Packing**

**The following requirements shall apply:**

- a) Used belts shall be packed in bales or cartons made of suitable material that ensures protection during handling, storage, and transportation;

- b) Each bale or carton shall be securely bound to prevent accidental opening or spillage;
- c) The gross mass of a bale shall not exceed 50 kg where manual loading and offloading is involved;
- d) Belts shall be packed in a manner that prevents contamination, moisture ingress, or mechanical damage;
- e) Disinfected belts shall be adequately aerated before packing to remove residual chemicals or moisture.

## 6.2 Marking/Labeling

Each carton shall be clearly marked with the following information:

- a) Name of the product (“USED BELTS”);
- b) Gross mass of the bale or carton;
- c) Country of origin;
- d) Date of packing;
- e) Name and address of the supplier or exporter;
- f) Statement “DISINFECTED” together with the date and method of disinfection;
- g) Name of the authorized service provider responsible for disinfection.
- h) Markings shall be legible, durable, and placed on at least two sides of the bale or carton.

## 7 Sampling and Inspection

### 7.1 Sampling

7.1.1 The number of bales shall be selected at random from each lot in accordance with the sampling plan given in Table 1.

7.1.2 Each bale in the sampled lot shall be opened and two belts 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

## 7.2 Inspection

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

7.2.2 All samples shall be examined for defects specified in Annex. If they are found to comply with Table 2, the samples shall then be tested in accordance with Clause 6 of this standard.

**Table 2 — Permissible number of defectives**

Consignment (Number of bales)	Sample lot size (Bales)	Number of samples (Belts)	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	30	7	8	15

## 8 Criteria for acceptance

The consignment shall be declared as acceptable if it complies with all the requirements of this standard.

**Annex**  
(normative)

**Defects**

Classification	Physical defect
Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• holes or punctures</li><li>• broken straps and buckles;</li><li>• damaged or broken zippers or locks;</li><li>• large tears in seams or panels;</li><li>• severe burns or melted areas;</li></ul>
Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• persistent bad odour caused by mould or chemicals;</li><li>• heavy stains or mottled appearance;</li><li>• loose stitching</li><li>• detached lining or padding;</li><li>• rusted or jammed metal fittings such as buckles, rivets</li></ul>
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• surface scratches or scuffs;</li><li>• small slubs or fabric pulls;</li><li>• double yarns or uneven weave;</li><li>• straying thread ends;</li><li>• minor bruises or dents on leather;</li><li>• slight discoloration or fading;</li><li>• loose decorative accessories such as tags or trims.</li></ul>

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