

EGYPTIAN TEXTILE TESTING STANDARDS FOR GARMENTS - EG STDS NO. 7266-4

According to the new Import Regulations in Egypt for textiles products, the [Ministerial Decree 626/2011](#), each shipment of imported textile products should be accompanied by an inspection certificate issued by an accredited inspection company. Without such [certification](#), products are forbidden to enter Egypt with effect from 1st April 2012.

The Egyptian mandatory requirement on textile products is according to the [Standard No. 7266/2011](#)– Safety and health criteria and labelling for textile products. The Standard includes 5 parts for textile products:

- EG STDS 7266-1 Dyeing yarns
- EG STDS 7266-2 Dyeing, printing or finishing fabric
- EG STDS 7266-3 Apparel and home textile
- EG STDS 7266-4 Garments
- EG STDS 7266-5 Carpets and rugs

According to EG STDS 7266-4, Garment products that are imported into the Egyptian market for retail sale must have the corresponding labelling information written clearly visible on the items and its packaging. This standard applies to all type of clothes, embroideries, dresses for men/ women/ children for all sizes and all raw materials and covers the requirements on (1) control of restricted hazardous chemicals and (2) product information on labelling.

CONTROL OF RESTRICTED HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

The laboratory test report should be issued by a laboratory accredited according to ISO 17025 and cover the following tests as applicable to the product.

RESTRICTED HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS	LIMIT OF USE		
	Newborn and children's clothes*	Direct skin contact products	Indirect skin contact products
Carcinogenic Dyes	Prohibited		
Azo Dyes	Prohibited		
Navy Blue	Prohibited		
Brominated Flame Retardants (PBB, TRIS, TEPA)	Prohibited		
Formaldehyde	<20 mg/kg	<75 mg/kg	<300 mg/kg
Phthalates (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DNOP, DINP, DIDP)	≤ 0.1 % (each)	--	--
Cadmium	Prohibited		
Nickel	<0.5 µg/cm ² /week		
Lead	<300 mg/kg	--	--

Remark - * up to age 12 as stated by the Egyptian Organization for Standards & Quality (EOS)

PRODUCT INFORMATION ON LABELLING

(a) Labels on external packing (MUST have clear label with the following information - printed, stuck, or fixed in any way):

- Manufacturer name/ Importer name/ Registered Trade Mark
- Product name
- Item and Number of pieces
- Country of origin
- Net weight
- Gross weight

(b) Product label & hangtag:

- Fiber composition
- Country of origin
- Product name / Importer name / Registered Trade Mark

(c) Care instruction label (reference to USA 16 CFR Part 423 – Care labelling of textile wearing apparel):

- Washing and cleaning instructions
- Bleaching instructions
- Drying instructions
- Ironing instructions
- Precautions (if needed)
- Care Symbols



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