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# Safety specifications for cords and drawstrings on children's clothing

## 1 Scope

This standard specifies the safety requirements for the use of cords and drawstrings on clothing for infants and child at 14 years of age and below.

This standard applies to the cords and drawstrings used on clothing for infants and child at 14 years of age and below.

This standard does not apply to the following situations:

- Child care products, such as bibs, diapers or nipple tabs;
- Shoes, boots and similar products of shoes;
- Gloves, hats, scarves;
- Under adult guardianship, a tie used to match shirts in formal occasions such as schools and celebrations;
- Except for belts, suspenders, tied belts;
- Religious clothing;
- Festive costumes worn for a limited time and under guardianship, such as costumes worn in folk or religious ceremonies, national or regional festivals;
- Professional sportswear and sportswear worn for a limited time and under supervision, such as rugby shorts, diving suits and dance suits, except for daily wear, such as sports jerseys and swimsuits, bikinis, swimming trunks, surf shorts worn on the beach in summer without supervision;
- Costumes worn during the performance;
- During the day, within a limited time and under supervision, the apron worn during painting, cooking or dining to prevent clothing from soiling;
- Bag products.

Note 1: Belts and suspenders are used to support clothing and fit the human body when worn.

Cords, chains, laces, straps or lines which are made from a variety of textile or non-textile materials, including elastic materials, which are used to adjust clothing openings or partial sizes of clothing, or to fasten clothing.

### 3.4

#### **Decorative cord**

The non-functional cords, chains, laces, straps or lines with free ends which are made from various textile or non-woven materials including elastic materials, with or without embellishments (such as loops, pompoms, feathers or rosary, etc.), which are not used to adjust clothing openings or partial sizes of clothing or to tighten clothing.

Note: The tassel is a bunch of decorative cord; the free end of the fixed bow is a decorative cord.

### 3.5

#### **Elastic cord**

A cord made of rubber, elastic fiber or other elastic material yarns with high elasticity, complete or almost complete recovery.

### 3.6

#### **Drawstring**

Cords, chains, laces, straps or lines which pass through cord paths, cord loops, eyelets, or similar parts, are made from a variety of textile or non-textile materials, including elastic materials, are used to adjust clothing openings or clothing partial sizes, or used to fasten clothing.

Note 1: When the clothing is closed, the extended length of the drawstring may increase.

Note 2: The drawstring of the clothing may be a loop with a tensioning device, instead of a free end at both ends, it may be a single cord with or without being tied.

### 3.7

#### **Hood**

The loose plastic covering which is connected with the top and wraps the head, which can be detachable or fixed.

### 3.8

#### **Bar tack**

### 3.14

#### **Stirrup**

Strips made of textiles or non-textiles, which are attached to the mouth of the trousers, so that they can pass through the soles of the feet or soles to make the wearer more fit.

### 3.15

#### **Toggle**

Accessories made of wood, plastic, metal or other materials, with or without functionality, which are used in drawstrings, functional cords or decorative cords.

### 3.16

#### **Loop**

Cords or narrow fabrics whose length is fixed or adjustable, both ends are fixed to the clothing.

### 3.17

#### **Adjustable tab**

Textile or non-textile materials with a width no narrower than 20 mm, which are used to adjust the size of clothing openings or for decorative purposes.

Note: Generally located at the trousers or cuffs.

### 3.18

#### **Open to its largest and laid flat**

Under the condition of not exceeding the deformation of the natural state of the fabric and not destroying the structure of the clothing or the stitching state, stretch a certain part of the clothing or clothing to its maximum size to remove the influence of aggregation or elasticity.

### 3.19

#### **Relaxed natural state**

Lay the clothing flat so that the clothing parts (such as the waist) are in their natural position (neither extension nor contraction).

### 3.20

### **Below hip area**

The area below the horizontal position of the perineum point (see Figure 1).

### **3.24**

#### **Back area**

The back of the human body's torso and legs, excluding the head, neck, and arms (see Figure 1).

### **3.25**

#### **Short sleeve**

Sleeves with cuffs at or above the elbow.

### **3.26**

#### **Long sleeve**

Sleeves with cuffs below the elbow.

## **4 Requirements**

### **4.1 General**

**4.1.1** The requirements apply to the interior and exterior of clothing. For some special styles of clothing, the cords and drawstrings that are completely inside the clothing during normal wear shall be considered as harmless or acceptable through risk assessment.

**4.1.2** The free ends of drawstrings, functional cords and tied belts or sash shall not be tied or use three-dimensional embellishment. It shall be prevented from being worn out; it should use the heat sealing and tacking method. If there is no risk of entanglement, it may use the overlapping or folding methods. Do not tie knots or use three-dimensional embellishment along the length of the free end.

**4.1.3** The toggle can only be used for drawstrings and decorative cords without free ends, see Figure 2.

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