

Agro Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2023 (03-07-2023)

Notification Type – WTO, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBTs)

Concerned Indian Ministry – Ministry of Textiles

Standards introduced – India has notified the WTO of its intention to make certain Indian Standards mandatory. The order shall be applicable to the following goods or articles.

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Goods or article</u>	<u>Indian Standard (IS)</u>	<u>Title of Indian Standard</u>
1	Crop Cover and Fruit Skirting Bags	IS 16718: 2021	Textiles— Polypropylene Spun Bonded Non—Woven Crop Cover and Fruit Skirting Bags for Agriculture and Horticulture
2	Shade nets (Tape Yarn)	IS 16008 (Part 1): 2016	Agro Textiles—Shade nets for Agriculture and Horticulture Purpose — Specification Part 1 Shade nets made from tape yarns
3	Shade nets (Monofilament Yarn)	IS 16008 (Part 2): 2016	Agro Textiles— Shade nets for Agriculture and Horticulture Purpose— Specification Part 2 Shade nets made from mono filament yarns
4	Insect nets	IS 16513: 2016	Agro Textiles— Insect nets for Agriculture and Horticulture purpose— Specification
5	Woven Ground covers for Horticulture	IS 16202: 2014	Agro Textiles— Woven Ground covers for Horticulture Application— Specification
6	Jute Mat	IS 17070: 2019	Jute Agro textiles for Growth of Plants and Suppression of Weeds Specification
7	Vermiculture beds	IS 15907: 2010	Agro Textiles— High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) woven beds for vermiculture— Specification
8	Sapling bags	IS 16089: 2013	Jute Agro—textile— Sapling bags for growth of seedling /sapling— Specification
9	HDPE Laminated Woven Flat lay tube for irrigation	IS 16190: 2014	Agro Textile— High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) laminated woven lay flat tube for irrigation purpose— Specification

10	Nylon Knitted seamless gloves	IS 16390: 2015	Agro Textiles— Nylon Knitted seamless gloves for tobacco harvesters— Specification
11	HDPE Laminated Woven Flat lay tube for drip irrigation	IS 16627: 2017	Agro Textiles High density polyethylene (HDPE) laminated woven lay flat tube for use in mains and submains of drip irrigation system— specification
12	Woven mulch mat	IS 17355: 2020	Agro Textiles — Propylene Spun bonded non—woven mulch mat for agriculture and horticulture applications— specification
13	Windshield nets	IS 17356: 2020	Agro Textiles— Windshield nets for agriculture and horticulture purpose— specification
14	Harvest nets	IS 17357: 2020	Agro Textiles— Harvest nets for agriculture and horticulture purposes
15	Fencing nets (extruded polymer)	IS 17358 (Part 1): 2020	Agro textiles — Fencing nets for agriculture and horticulture purposes — Specification Part 1 Fencing nets made from extruded polymer mesh
16	Fencing nets (monofilament and tape yarn)	IS 17358 (Part 2): 2020	Agro textiles — Fencing nets for agriculture and horticulture purposes — Specification Part 2 Fencing nets made from mono filament yarns and combination of tape and mono filament yarns
17	Plant Support Nets	IS 17513: 2020	Agro Textiles — Plant Support Nets for Agriculture and Horticulture Purposes — Specification
18	Flat Lay Tube for rain irrigation system	IS 17728: 2021	Agro Textiles — High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Laminated Woven Lay Flat Tube and Fittings for use in Rain Irrigation System — Specification
19	Flexible Water Storage Tank	IS 17729: 2021	Agro—Textiles Flexible Water Storage Tank for Agriculture and Horticulture Purposes Specification
20	Hail Protection Nets (Knitted)	IS 17730 (Part 1): 2021	Agro—Textiles Hail Protection Nets for Agriculture and Horticulture Purposes Specification Part 1 Warp Knitted Hail Protection Nets

21	Hail Protection Nets (woven)	IS 17730 (Part 2): 2021	Agro—Textiles Hail Protection Nets for Agriculture and Horticulture Purposes Specification Part 2 Woven Hail Protection Nets
22	Orchard Protection Covers	IS 17731: 2021	Agro—Textiles Laminated Woven Orchard Protection Covers Specification

Date for final comments –

60 days from the date of publication of this notification, that is 03rd July 2023.

Salient features of the Quality Control Order once effective –

1. The goods mentioned must conform to the corresponding Indian Standard specified.
2. The goods mentioned must bear the Standard Mark under a license from the Bureau of Indian Standards.
3. The Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority in respect of the goods or articles specified.
4. The order shall not apply to articles meant for export.
5. Failure to comply shall attract the penalty applicable under the Bureau of Indian Standards, Act 2016.