

Medical 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	Sanitary napkins	IS 5405:2019	Sanitary napkins - Specification (second revision)
2	Baby Diaper	IS 17509:2021	Disposable baby diaper - Specification
3	Reusable Sanitary Pad Sanitary Napkin Period Panties	IS 17514:2021	Reusable sanitary pad/ sanitary napkin/ period panties - Specification
4	Shoe covers	IS 17349:2020	Medical textiles - Shoe covers - Specification
5	Dental bib/Napkins	IS 17354:2020	Medical textiles - Dental Bib or Napkins - Specification
6	Bedsheet and Pillow Cover	IS 17630:2021	Medical Textiles - Bed sheet and pillow cover - 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.