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**FOREWORD**

This Sri Lanka Standard was authorized for adoption and publication by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 1986-12-17, after the draft, finalized by the Drafting Committee on Cotton Shirting, had been approved by the Textile Divisional Committee.

Some commonly used constructional details for powerloom cotton shirting are given in Appendix A as a guidance to the manufacturers.

All standard values given in this specification are in SI units.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this specification is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the results of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with CS 102. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this specification.

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**1 SCOPE**

This specification prescribes requirements, methods of sampling and tests for bleached, mercerized, dyed, printed, striped or checked cotton shirting.

**2 REFERENCES**

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| SLS | 41 | Determination of the number of threads per centimetre in woven fabrics (First revision) |
| CS  | 42 | Determination of mass per unit length and per unit area of woven or knitted fabrics     |

- CS 43 Determination of breaking load and extension of strips of woven textile fabric
- CS 44 Determination of the count of yarn removed from fabric, free from added matter
- SLS 45 Determination of length of woven fabric (First revision)
- SLS 46 Determination of width of woven fabric (First revision)
- CS 47 Method for shrinkage of fabrics - cold water immersion test
- CS 55 Determination of colour fastness of textile materials to washing at 95 °C for 30 minutes (Test 4)
- CS 62 Determination of colour fastness of textile materials to daylight
- CS 63 Determination of colour fastness of textile materials to rubbing
- CS 67 Determination of colour fastness of textile materials to perspiration
- CS 86 Determination of pH value of aqueous extracts of textile materials
- CS 87 Determination of scouring loss in grey and finished cotton textile materials
- CS 89 Determination of bow and skewness in woven fabric
- CS 102 Presentation of numerical values
- SLS 137 Grey cotton yarn  
Part 1 Powerloom (First revision)
- CS 203 Determination of colour fastness of textile materials to organic solvents
- SLS 428 Random sampling methods

### 3 REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 General requirements

##### 3.1.1 Yarn

3.1.1.1 Cotton yarn conforming to SLS 137:Part 1 is suitable for use in the manufacture of the cloth.

##### 3.1.2 Cloth

3.1.2.1 The cloth shall be of plain weave.

3.1.2.2 The cloth when visually examined shall be reasonably free from flaws.

#### 3.2 Scouring loss

The scouring loss of the cloth shall not exceed 2 per cent when tested by the method prescribed in CS 87.

### 3.3 pH value

The pH value of the aqueous extract of the cloth shall be not less than 6.0 and not more than 8.5 when tested by the cold method prescribed in CS 86.

### 3.4 Shrinkage or elongation

Shrinkage or elongation of cloth, warp way and weft way shall be not more than 1 per cent for pre shrunk cloth and 3 per cent for unshrunk cloth, when tested in accordance with the method prescribed in CS 47.

### 3.5 Breaking strength

The cloth shall have a minimum breaking strength of 150 N, warp way and 125 N, weft way when tested by the method prescribed in CS 43.

### 3.6 Mass per unit area

The cloth shall have a minimum mass per unit area of 73 g per m<sup>2</sup> when tested by the method prescribed in CS 42.

### 3.7 Length

The length of each piece shall be 30 m or as agreed to between the buyer and the seller. The piece length when determined by the method prescribed in SLS 45 shall not be less than the value specified/declared.

### 3.8 Width

The width of the cloth shall be 900 mm, 1 140 mm and 1 500 mm or as agreed to between the buyer and the seller and a tolerance of  $\pm 2$  per cent of the specified width shall be permitted, when determined by the method prescribed in SLS 46.

### 3.9 Selvedges

The selvedges shall be firm, straight and well woven. The width of the selvedges shall not be less than 5 mm.

### 3.10 Skewness of weft

The skewness of weft shall not exceed 3 per cent, and the value at any part of the cloth shall not exceed 5 per cent when determined by the method prescribed in CS 89.

### 3.11 Colour fastness

The colour fastness ratings of the cloth shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 1, when tested by the relevant methods.

TABLE 1 - Requirements for colour fastness

Fastness (1)	Numerical ratings (2)	Method of test (3)
Daylight	5 or better	CS 62
Washing	4 or better	CS 55
Rubbing-dry and wet	4 or better	CS 63
Perspiration	4 or better	CS 67
Organic solvents	3 or better	CS 203

## 4 PACKAGING

The cloth shall be rolled or folded in single pieces or in bales as agreed to between the buyer and seller.

### 4.1 Single pieces

The cloth shall be completely wrapped in polyethylene or any other suitable material. The wrapper shall not contain any water soluble dyes capable of staining the cloth on wetting.

### 4.2 Bales

The pieces having the required length shall be completely wrapped in a suitable material. The wrapper shall not contain any water soluble dye capable of staining the fabric on wetting. Only pieces of the same variety and finish shall be packed together in the same bale.

## 5 MARKING

5.1 The following information shall be marked legibly on the cloth at both ends of each piece:

- a) Name of the product;
- b) Type of finish and colour, where applicable;
- c) Name and address of the manufacturer (including country of origin);
- d) Registered trade mark, if any;
- e) Length, in metres;
- f) Width, in millimetres; and
- g) Batch identification mark.



5.2 The following information shall be marked legibly and indelibly on each bale :

- a) Name of the product;
- b) Type of finish and colour, where applicable;
- c) Name and address of the manufacturer (including country of origin);
- d) Registered trade mark, if any;
- e) Width, in millimetres;
- f) Number of pieces;
- g) Total length in metres; and
- h) Batch identification mark.

5.3 The bales and pieces may also be marked with the Certification Mark of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution illustrated below on permission being granted for such marking by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution.



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## 6 SAMPLING

### 6.1 Lot

All pieces of cotton shirting belonging to one batch of manufacture or supply shall constitute a lot.

### 6.2 Scale of sampling

6.2.1 Samples shall be tested from each lot for ascertaining its conformity to the requirements of this specification.

6.2.2 If single pieces are submitted for inspection, the number of pieces to be selected from a lot shall be in accordance with Column 1 and Column 2 of Table 2.

TABLE 2 - Scale of sampling

Number of pieces in the lot (1)	Number of pieces/bales to be selected (2)
Up to 100	4
101 to 300	5
301 to 600	8
601 and above	10

6.2.3 If bales are submitted for inspection the number of pieces in the submitted lot shall be calculated and the number of bales to be selected from the lot shall be in accordance with Column 1 and Column 2 of the Table 2. One piece shall be selected from each bale so selected.

6.2.4 The bales and pieces shall be selected at random. In order to ensure randomness of selection tables of random numbers as given in SLS 428 shall be used.

### 6.3 Number of tests

6.3.1 Each bale selected as in 6.2.3 shall be inspected for packaging (4) and (5) requirements.

6.3.2 Each piece selected as in 6.2.2 or 6.2.3 shall be inspected for requirements given in 3.1.2.1, 3.1.2.2 packaging and marking requirements, and length (3.7) and width (3.8) requirements.

6.3.3 Sufficient quantity of material shall be cut from each piece selected as in 6.2.2 or 6.2.3 after discarding first half metre. Each sample shall be examined for selvages and tested for requirements given in 3.2 to 3.6, 3.10 and 3.11.

*NOTE - The required test specimens shall be taken in accordance with the relevant test method.*

## 7 METHODS OF TEST

Tests for the requirements laid down in 3.2 to 3.8, 3.10 and 3.11 shall be carried out by the methods prescribed therein.

## 8 CONFORMITY TO STANDARD

A lot shall be declared as conforming to the requirements of this specification, if the following conditions are satisfied.

- 8.1 Each bale inspected as in 6.3.1 satisfy the relevant requirements.
- 8.2 Each piece inspected as in 6.3.2 satisfy the relevant requirements.
- 8.3 The value of the expression  $(\bar{x} - 0.4R)$  (see Notes) calculated using test results on breaking strength and mass per unit area is not less than the specified value for the relevant requirement.
- 8.4 The value of the expression  $(\bar{x} + 0.4R)$ , calculated using the test results on scouring loss, shrinkage or elongation and skewness of weft is less than the specified value for relevant requirement.
- 8.5 The value of the expressions  $(\bar{x} + 0.4R)$  and  $(\bar{x} - 0.4R)$  calculated using the test results on pH value lie between the respective specification limits.

### NOTES

- 1 Mean  $(\bar{x}) = \frac{\text{Sum of the observed values}}{\text{Number of values}}$
- 2 Range R is the difference between the maximum and the minimum in a set of observed values.
- 8.6 Each sample examined as in 6.3.3 satisfies the requirements for selvages.
- 8.7 Each sample tested for colour fastness satisfies the relevant requirements requirements.

### APPENDIX A COMMONLY USED CONSTRUCTIONAL DETAILS

Type (1)	Linear density of yarn in tex		Ends per 10 mm (4)	Picks per 10 mm (5)
	Warp (2)	Weft (3)		
1	20	26	26	23
2	20	15	26	27
3	15	15	28	27
4	10	12	38	31
5	12	12	31	31
6	12	10	31	36
Method of test	CS 44		SLS. 41	



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