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16 CFR Part 1610

Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles

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IN FORCE In force under the Flammable Fabrics Act. Applies to clothing textiles sold in the United States.

What It Covers

A 45-degree burn test that classifies clothing textiles by how quickly and intensely they burn.

Who It Applies To

Manufacturers, importers and retailers of clothing and the fabrics intended for it, with exemptions set out in the regulation.

Key Requirements

- Class 1, normal flammability: acceptable for clothing.
- Class 2, intermediate flammability: applies only to raised-fiber surfaces; acceptable.
- Class 3, rapid and intense burning: unsuitable for clothing and banned.
- Testing before and after dry cleaning and laundering, as the regulation specifies.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- Test results and the classification for each fabric, with records of the lots covered.

Where Systems Fall Short

- Raised-surface fabrics tested only on the flat side.

How QES helps. Testing programs and records that prove which class each fabric is. See the gap assessment: qesisbest.com/services.html#gap-assessment · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

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