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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee TX/15 on Textiles for Health care Facilities and Institutions, in response to requests from the health and laundry sectors. The Standard specifies requirements for a number of general apparel items that are used in health care facilities and institutions. Standardization of apparel will produce more efficient training of hospital and laundry staff, lower linen costs and ensure the quality of the linen.

The fabrics suggested for the manufacture of the general apparel items are extracted from those materials specified in AS 3789.6, *Textiles for health care facilities and institutions*, Part 6: *Fabric specifications*.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE This Standard specifies requirements for the finished dimensions, materials and manufacturing of nightgowns, pyjamas, for adult use, and utility gowns for baby, infant, child and adult use.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

2001 Methods of test for textiles

2001.4 Colourfastness tests

2001.4.15 Part 4.15: Determination of colourfastness to washing

3789 Textiles for health care facilities and institutions

3789.6 Part 6: Fabric specifications

1.3 DESIGNATION For the purposes of this Standard fabrics are designated in accordance with AS 3789.6.

1.4 MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES The manufacturing tolerances shall be as follows:

- (a) 3 mm when measurement is <30 cm.
- (b) 6 mm when measurement is >30 cm and <60 cm.
- (c) 12.5 mm when measurement is >60 cm.

1.5 MARKING Items of general apparel supplied in compliance with the requirements of this Standard shall be clearly marked with the following information:

- (a) The fabric identification code as provided in AS 3789.6.
- (b) The name of the manufacturer.

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