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PREFACE

This Standard was revised by the Standards Australia Committee TX/15, Textiles for Health Care Facilities and Institutions to supersede AS 3717—1989, *Textiles for hospitals and institutions—Curtains and patient bed screens—Fabric performance properties*. The Standard sets out the essential manufacturing and performance properties of curtains and bed screens for use in hospitals and institutions.

In the preparation of this Standard cognizance was taken of AS 2663, *Textiles—Curtain fabrics for domestic use*.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE This Standard specifies manufacturing and performance requirements for fabrics to be used for hospital and institutional curtains and bed screens. This Standard is not applicable to weft knitted fabrics.

NOTE: Purchasing guidelines have been included in Appendix A. These give prospective purchasers a list of requirements that need to be specified at the time of enquiry or order.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The documents referred to in this Standard are listed in Appendix B.

1.3 MARKING OF BOLTS AND ROLLS The following information shall be shown on each bolt or roll and package of fabric on a drop ticket or label:

- (a) Manufacturer's name or trade mark.
- (b) Manufacturer's description or nomenclature for fabric.
- (c) Fabric content (see AS/NZS 2622 and Note 1).
- (d) Gross and net length of bolt or roll.
- (e) Width overall (including selvedge).
- (f) Care instructions in accordance with AS/NZS 1957 (see Note 1).

NOTES:

- 1 Reference should also be made to relevant State and Federal Legislation for the labelling of fibre content and care.
- 2 Manufacturers making a statement of compliance with this Australian Standard on a product, or on packaging or promotional material related to that product, are advised to ensure that such compliance is capable of being verified.