Standard Specification for Maximum Cashmere Coarse-Hair Content in Cashmere¹

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers the allowable cashmere coarse-hair content in cashmere which has been processed at least to the roving stage.
- 1.2 For blends of cashmere hair and other fibers, this specification is applicable only to the cashmere hair content of such blends.

Note 1—For the determination of the cashmere coarse-hair content in cashmere, refer to Test Method D 2816. For the identification of textile fibers see Methods D 276. For the quantitative determination of the composition of textile blends, see Test Methods D 629.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:
- D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles²
- D 276 Test Methods for Identification of Fibers in Textiles²
- D 629 Test Methods for Quantitative Analysis of Textiles²
- D 2130 Test Method for Diameter of Wool and Other Animal Fibers by Microprojection²
- D 2816 Test Method for Cashmere Coarse-Hair Content in Cashmere²

3. Terminology

- 3.1 Definitions:
- 3.1.1 *cashmere*, *n*—*in roving*, *yarn*, *or fabrics*, cashmere hair or products made therewith having a cashmere coarse-hair content not exceeding a specified maximum percentage by length.
- 3.1.2 *cashmere coarse-hair*, *n*—those coarse fibers in cashmere hair having widths greater than 30 µm.
- 3.1.2.1 *Discussion*—For the purpose of Specification D 2817, the width shall be determined as directed in Test Method D 2130.
- 3.1.3 cashmere coarse-hair content, n—the total length of the cashmere coarse-hair fibers that are present, expressed as a percentage of the total length of all the cashmere hair fibers; that is, the percentage by length of cashmere coarse-hair in cashmere hair.
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- 3.1.4 *cashmere down*, *n*—those fibers in cashmere hair having widths of 30 µm or less.
- 3.1.5 *cashmere hair*, *n*—the fibers produced by a form of goat (*Capra hircus*) indigenous to Asia and known as the cashmere goat.
- 3.1.5.1 *Discussion*—Characteristically, cashmere hair consists of fine down (undercoat) fibers and coarse (outercoat) fibers
- 3.1.6 For definitions of other textile terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology D 123.

4. Significance and Use

- 4.1 This specification sets the maximum permissible cashmere coarse-hair content for cashmere in the form of roving, yarn, or fabric.
- 4.2 When agreed upon by parties in interest, this specification provides a basis for acceptance testing of roving, yarn, or fabric of cashmere, or blends of cashmere and other fibers in such products.

5. Specification for Cashmere

5.1 The cashmere coarse-hair content of cashmere in the form of roving, yarn, or fabric shall not exceed 0.7 % by length.

Note 2—Extensive interlaboratory tests have shown that when the cashmere coarse-hair content exceeds 0.7 % by length, the corresponding percentage by mass of cashmere coarse-hair in the product generally exceeds 3.0 %. The data from these studies are filed with the secretary of Subcommittee D13.13, Committee D13 of ASTM.

6. Test Method

6.1 Determine the coarse-hair content as directed in Test Method D 2816.

7. Number of Tests

- 7.1 Except in case of dispute, make a single test for the determination of the cashmere coarse-hair content of cashmere as directed in Test Method D 2816.
- 7.2 In case of dispute, make two additional tests for cashmere coarse hair content on different samples and base the decision on the majority result.

8. Keywords

8.1 animal fibers (except wool); content



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