

Draft Specification for 'Apparel and Raw Textile Materials'

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Background

Work began on this proposed tentative specification after receiving inquiries from agencies asking for guidance on how they can purchase more sustainable clothing. Over the course of the year the team working on this specification worked with State agencies and preferred sources, along with surveying the clothing market, to create a specification that meets agency needs. The goal of the tentative specification is to create a holistic specification that addresses not only the clothing purchased, but also source reduction, proper care and laundering, and proper end of life care. In addition, the team worked with Corcraft Industries, a division of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, to include the raw textile materials that they purchase to use in their clothing manufacturing process since the clothes they make are used by State agencies.