

Sheets, sheeting, pillowslips, towels, napkins, counterpanes and continental quilt secondary covers suitable for use in the public sector —

Part 1: Specification for sheeting, sheets and pillowslips

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Foreword

This Part of BS 5815 has been prepared under the direction of the Textiles and Clothing Standards Committee and forms a part revision of BS 5815:1979 which will be withdrawn on publication of all three Parts.

This revision of BS 5815 includes additional products and is being published in three Parts as follows:

- *Part 1: Specification for sheeting, sheets and pillowslips;*
- *Part 2: Specification for towels and napkins;*
- *Part 3: Specification for counterpanes¹⁾.*

In this Part, which specifies the requirements for sheeting, sheets and pillowslips, the principal changes from the previous edition are:

- a) inclusion of an additional fibre type, i.e. 100 % polyester;
- b) exclusion of modal fibre on the grounds of non-usage;
- c) withdrawal of sheets previously designated SH2, SH4 and SH7.

To avoid confusion the SH series of sheets has not been renumbered and the notation of the remaining sheets is the same as in the previous edition. Every effort has been made to retain the references in the previous edition, but it should be noted that fabric SW1 was previously ST6.

The format used is that the standard first defines the fabrics and then the articles made from each fabric. For clarity and ease of communication each fabric has a reference comprising two letters, followed by a number to indicate the width option.

BS 5815 covers only the basic description of the products and their construction and performance requirements. Purchasing authorities therefore may need to include additional information.

This Part of BS 5815 covers the end products quoted but can also be used to specify the fabric from which they are manufactured.

Many properties cannot be specified objectively and cannot therefore be included in this standard. Examples of such properties include colour, handle, appearance and details of additional design features. Public sector purchasing authorities may be able to supply standard patterns which cover these properties and serve to resolve any ambiguities of description.

This Part of BS 5815 does not include a requirement for electrostatic properties. Some of the articles may, on this account, not be suitable for use in some locations in health care premises. Attention is drawn to DHSS requirements precluding the use of static-prone textiles in operating theatres. Equally, the standard does not cover requirements for physiological comfort and again there may be some medical situations where not all of the products are equally suitable.

There are particular requirements for sheets and pillowslips for rail transport which are included in this Part of BS 5815.

¹⁾ In preparation.