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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Hospital Textiles and Textile Products as a result of requests from the health and laundry sectors of the community. Agreement has been reached as to the best materials, shapes and sizes and colour of the linen.

This Standard specifies requirements for a number of general ward items that are used in health care facilities and institutions.

The fabrics specified for the manufacture of the ward items are as specified in AS 2892, *Textiles for hospitals and institutions—Fabric specifications*. This Standard is based on appropriate specifications for ward linen currently being used by Australian State Health Authorities.

This Standard is the first part of a series of Standards for health care facilities and institutions. The other parts in this series are as follows:

Part 2: *Textiles for health care facilities and institutions—Theatre linen and pre-packs* (published as AS 3789.2—1991).

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE This Standard specifies requirements for the following general ward linen for healthcare facilities and institutional uses: flat sheets, draw sheets, break bed sheets, pillow cases, towels, nappies, feeders, laundry bags, and kitchen aprons. Specification details showing finished dimensions, materials and manufacturing requirements are listed for each of the individual items contained in the Standard.

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

AS

2001 Methods of test for textiles

2001.2.20 Methods 2.20: Physical test—Determination of seam breaking force

2892 Textiles for hospitals and institutions—Fabric specifications

2919 Industrial clothing

1.3 DESIGNATION For the purposes of this Standard fabrics are designated in accordance with AS 2892.

1.4 MARKING New general ward linen supplied in compliance with the requirements of Section 2 of this Standard shall be clearly marked with the following information:

(a) Fabric identification code as provided in AS 2892.

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