

Overview

This standard is for those who prepare, classify and clean textile items using dry-cleaning processes, checking these meet organisational quality standards. You will also be responsible for preparing, operating and maintaining dry-cleaning equipment including handling solvents safely and dealing with any spillages and fume leaks.

This standard is for dry cleaning operatives.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 prepare the textile items and dry cleaning machinery for use
- P2 plan, allocate and classify the loads for dry cleaning
- P3 remove any items from the loads not suitable for dry cleaning and select alternative cleaning methods
- P4 operate the dry cleaning machine safely in line with the manufacturer's instructions
- P5 monitor equipment settings and solvent levels during the dry cleaning process
- P6 handle items with care and in line with organisational procedures
- P7 inspect items prior to finishing to ensure they meet organisational quality standards
- P8 identify and report any problems that may arise in carrying out the work
- P9 identify and deal with items that are not cleaned satisfactorily or have been damaged during the cleaning process
- P10 ensure the machinery is cleaned out following use
- P11 safely dispose of waste materials in line with organisational procedures
- P12 comply with solvent emission legislation, keeping accurate records of solvent use and emissions
- P13 maintain the equipment in accordance with organisational procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the wash cycle, dry cycle and distillation cycle
- K2 how to interpret care labels and what dry cleaning processes may be required
- K3 which textile items are unsuitable for dry-cleaning
- K4 understanding how to deal with different fibres, fabrics, trimmings and accessories
- K5 how to select and use solvents, detergents and chemicals
- K6 the correct operating pressures and temperatures of machines
- K7 how to store and use solvents safely in line with permit conditions
- K8 how to monitor solvent emissions and accurately record solvent use
- K9 the organisational procedures for daily, weekly and monthly cleaning
- K10 who to report faults with machinery and problems to
- K11 how to inspect textile items against the organisational quality standards for dry cleaned items
- K12 how to identify and deal with common problems with items following dry cleaning
- K13 how to manage waste water following the dry cleaning process
- K14 COSHH (Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health) and VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) directive
- K15 statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislation and regulations during the dry cleaning process

Clean textile items by dry-cleaning process

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