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Report Name: Bangladesh Government Amends Ready Made Garment
Wastage Rate

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Report Highlights:

On February 22, 2022, the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) revised the permissible wastage rate for basic garment products to 29 percent, specialized products to 32 percent, and sweaters and socks to 16 percent.

Background

On December 19, 2021, the Ministry of Commerce increased the maximum wastage rate for producing ready-made garments (RMG) from raw materials for the first time since 1998. In an official circular, the GoB declared a 27 percent wastage rate for basic knitwear items (e.g., t-shirts, polo shirts, trousers, shorts, skirts, and pajamas), 30 percent for special items (e.g., rompers, tank tops, dresses, gowns, hoodies, and lingerie), and 4 percent for sweaters and socks. For more information see: [Bangladesh Increases Ready Made Garment Wastage Rate](#).

Amendment of the RMG Wastage Rate

The Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association and the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturer and Export Association opposed the new rates, stating they were not high enough and requested the GoB to increase them further. In response, on February 22, 2022, the GoB circulated an official order amending the maximum permissible wastage rates for basic garment products to 29 percent, specialized products to 32 percent, and sweaters and socks to 16 percent (see attached). The amended rates are effective from July 1, 2021.

Attachments:

[RMG Wastage Rate Revised Order.pdf](#)