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The American Association of Textile Chemists & Colorists (AATCC), releases textile face covering draft guidance.

On June, 2020, the American Association of Textile Chemists & Colorists (AATCC), released a draft guidance document - AATCC Monograph, AATCC MXXX 2020 “Guidance and Considerations for General Purpose Textile Face Coverings: Adult” to assist the textile industry in developing and manufacturing adult textile face coverings that adhere to US and Canada regulations.

Considerations included in the draft are intended to help manufacturers more efficiently design and produce face coverings for general purpose (non-medical) use. It may also serve as a useful resource for those sourcing face coverings for general use. The document contains voluntary guidance and practical options for:

- Regulatory Considerations
- Fit and Sizing Considerations
- Material and Construction Considerations
- Particle Filtration Considerations
- Breathing Resistance Considerations
- Laundering and Service Life Considerations
- Tie and Ear Loop Considerations
- Product Labeling and Marking Considerations

Purpose and Scope:

- The monograph contains voluntary guidance for design, construction and labeling of general-purpose, reusable textile face coverings for adults.
- Guidance in the document applies to general-purpose face coverings intended for daily use by asymptomatic individuals.
- Face coverings described in the document are intended for adult-use only.
- Face coverings described in the document are not medical devices per the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or Health Canada; they are not personal protective equipment (PPE) as defined by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

The draft version can be found on the [AATCC website](#).