

Revised Taiwanese Standard CNS 15291 “Safety of Children's Clothing - Cords and Drawstrings on Children's Clothing Specification”

To reduce serious accidents due to entrapment of hood cords in playground equipment such as slides, and entrapment of cords and strings from the waist and lower hems of garments in moving vehicles such as bus doors, the Taiwanese Bureau of Standards, Metrology & Inspection (經濟部標準檢驗局) on 2019-07-12 have revised the National Standard CNS 15291 to provide a better protection for children under 14 years of age covering children's costume for play.

The key changes are briefly described as below:

1. The “free end” of adjustment strap should be fitted with button, toggle button or snap button (fig. 1);
2. Free end of each drawstrings on lower garment (dress or trouser) should not be longer than 20 cm when the garment is in a relaxed natural state (fig. 2);

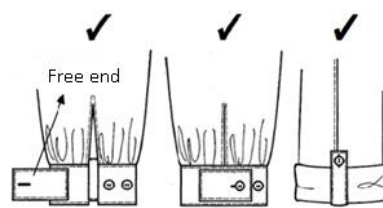


Figure 1 -- Example of adjusting tabs

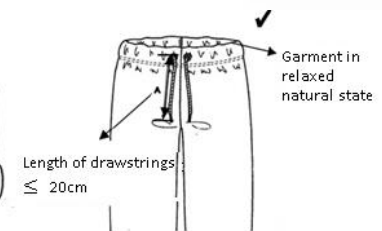


Figure 2 -- Example of waist drawstrings

3. Drawstrings, functional cords and decorative cords positioned below the elbow on long sleeves, shall not hang below the lower edge and free ends shall be no longer than 7.5 cm (fig. 3)
4. No free ends of draw strings is allowed on halter neck-style garments when garment is worn. The use of a clip or fastening device is acceptable. (fig. 4)

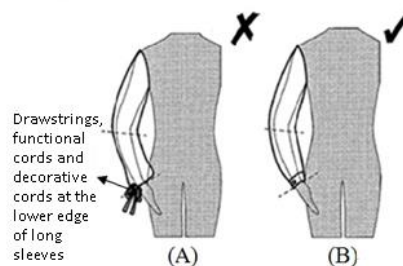


Figure 3 -- Example of long sleeves

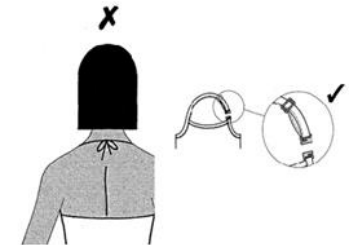


Figure 4 -- Example of halter neck

The revision has referenced requirements of the European standard BS EN 14682 and also statistical data of children's measurement from Taiwan local health authority to ensure proper application of related requirements in Taiwan area.

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