Textile Testing & Quality Control

Textile Testing & Quality Control (TTQC) is very important work or process in each department of export oriented industry. **Buyers want quality but not quantity**. In every department of textile industry quality maintained of each material. Because one material's quality depend on another's quality. **For example, if qualified fiber is inputted then output will be good yarn.**

What is Textile Testing?

Textile testing is **checking the quality and suitability of raw material and selection of material**. It is an important part for textile production, distribution, and consumption. Though it is an expensive business but essential too. There are some reasons for textile testing; such as, **checking raw materials, monitoring production, assessing the Final Product, investigation of faulty material, product development and research.**

Object of testing:

  i.   Research
 ii.   Selection of raw material
iii.   Process control
 iv.   Process development
  v.   Product testing
 vi.   Specification test
vii.   Testing is governed by 5M, which are: Man, Machine, Material, Method and Measurement.

What is quality control?

Quality control is a process by which entities review **the quality of all products** in an industry. It refers to ways of **ensuring the quality** of a service or product.

Actually **quality control is a system** for verifying and maintaining a **desired level of quality** in an existing product or service by **careful planning, use of proper equipment, continued inspection, and corrective action as required.**

The term quality refers the excellence of a product. When we say the quality of a product is good. We mean that the product is good for the purpose for which it has been made.

Key Components of Quality Control

i. **Inspection:** Regularly examining products, materials, or services to identify defects, non-compliance, or deviations from quality standards.
ii. **Testing:** Conducting various tests and measurements to assess the performance, functionality, or characteristics of products or services.
iii. **Statistical Process Control (SPC):** Employing statistical techniques to monitor and control the production processes, ensuring that they remain within acceptable quality limits.
iv. **Documentation and Records:** Keeping detailed records of inspections, tests, and corrective actions taken to maintain traceability and accountability.
v. **Corrective Action:** Implementing appropriate measures to address any identified quality issues and prevent their recurrence.
vi. **Training and Education:** Providing employees with the necessary skills and knowledge to maintain quality standards effectively.
vii. **Continuous Improvement:** Constantly analyzing data and feedback to identify areas for improvement and enhancing the overall quality management system.

Importance & Advantages of Quality Control

Quality Control (QC) is essential for various reasons, and its importance lies in the numerous benefits it brings to both businesses and consumers. Here are some key reasons why QC is crucial:

i. **Customer Satisfaction:** QC ensures that products and services meet or exceed customer expectations, leading to higher satisfaction levels and increased customer loyalty.

ii. **Defect Prevention:** By identifying and correcting issues early in the production or service delivery process, QC helps prevent defects, reducing the likelihood of expensive recalls or rework.

iii. **Cost Reduction:** Implementing QC measures can lead to reduced waste, lower production costs, and improved operational efficiency, contributing to overall cost savings.

iv. **Compliance and Regulations:** QC ensures that products and services adhere to industry standards and regulatory requirements, avoiding legal issues and penalties.

v. **Brand Reputation:** Consistent high-quality products or services build a positive brand image, enhancing the company's reputation and competitiveness in the market.

vi. **Increased Efficiency:** QC optimizes processes and identifies areas for improvement, leading to increased productivity and streamlined operations.

vii. **Risk Mitigation:** Through rigorous testing and inspections, QC helps identify potential risks and hazards, enabling businesses to address them proactively.

viii. **Continuous Improvement:** QC encourages a culture of continuous improvement, where organizations strive to enhance their products, services, and processes constantly.

ix. **International Competitiveness:** High-quality products can open doors to global markets, increasing a company's competitiveness on an international scale.

x. **Customer Retention and Loyalty:** Satisfied customers are more likely to remain loyal and recommend the brand to others, contributing to long-term business success.

What is Quality Assurance?

Quality assurance and quality control may seem the same thing, but they're not. Apparel garments, accessories, and other textile products **are assessed for quality**

in the preproduction phase, during production, and with a final inspection after the product has been completed.

Quality Assurance (QA) is focused on the process. It builds quality into each step of the manufacturing process including **designing, production, and beyond**.

Quality Control (QC) is focused on the product. It is generally understood as assessing the quality of products upon completing manufacturing and after being classified into acceptable and unacceptable categories were checking of the actual results is done to ensure that things are as expected.

Differences between QA and QC:

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Total Quality Management:

A **cost effective system** for integrating the **continuous quality improvements** of **people** at all levels in an organization to deliver product services, which ensure customer satisfaction.

Key Components of a Quality Management

ACT
- Review the findings of your quality management system
- Re-evaluate both the processes and the product
- Begin the quality management process again

PLAN
- Identify your goals and baseline
- Assemble internal resources
- Determine quality standards and the requirements to meet those standards
- Determine what procedures will be used to ensure criteria is being met

CHECK
- Control, measure and monitor your outputs to ensure they meet expected criteria
- Identify areas where there is opportunity for improvement

DO
- Organize supporting documentation (ISO documentation, policies, procedures, training materials, work instructions, etc.) in a document management system
- Train employees on new process(es)
- Deploy the quality management system

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