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## SCOPE

This document covers the industrial activities specified in Section 6.2 of Annex 1 of Directive 96/61/EC, namely:

"Plants for the pretreatment (operations such as washing, bleaching, mercerisation) or dyeing of fibres or textiles where the treatment capacity exceeds 10 tonnes per day".

Particular attention is given to the following processes:

- fibre preparation
- pretreatment
- dyeing
- printing
- finishing.

Upstream processes which may have a significant influence on the environmental impact of the subsequent wet processing activities are also briefly described.

The backing of carpets is included in this document because it is an intrinsic part of carpet manufacturing and has the potential to pollute the environment.

All main textile fibre types, namely natural fibres, man-made fibres derived from natural polymers such as viscose and cellulose acetate as well as man-made fibres derived from synthetic polymers are described, including their blends.