



## Quality Control Order on Viscose Staple Fibre

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Significant shifts have occurred in the textile supply chain in less than a year since the enforcement of a strict [Quality Control Order \(QCO\)](#) on **viscose staple fibre (VSF)** in India.

- VSF imports **dropped by 65%** after the enforcement of the QCO in April 2023.
  - VSF is a **natural, biodegradable, semi-synthetic fibre** that has similar characteristics to cotton. It's made from wood or cotton pulp and is versatile, easily blendable, and light and breathable.
  - It is widely used in apparel, home textiles, dress material, knitted wear and non-woven applications.
- A QCO is a **non-tariff trade barrier** that bars manufacturers, importers, and distributors from storing or selling a product without a licence from the [Bureau of Indian Standards \(BIS\)](#) that certifies specific quality standards being met.
  - The implementation of QCO holds significant importance in regulating the **influx of sub-quality and cheaper imports** to ensure customers get quality products
  - Small and medium-sized spinning mills faced challenges due to restricted access to cheaper VSF imports.
- Industry representatives advocate for reversing QCOs on raw materials, proposing enforcement solely on finished products.

**Read more:** [Quality Control Orders](#)

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