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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. PURPOSE. It is important for the public image of the Department that standards and specifications be established for uniform apparel and equipment used by its personnel. It is of equal importance that specifications for manufacturing of such uniforms and equipment be set and strictly enforced.

2. REQUIREMENTS.

a. General. Each mill, manufacturer, and vendor is to ensure all garments and equipment provided to members of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) meet the guidelines published in this guide.

(1) This guide includes specifications for state-issued uniform items as well as those purchased by CHP employees.

(2) State-issued items are subject to bid specifications which will supercede the specifications included in this guide.

b. Fabric. Fabric items, including braid, shall be of good quality, preshrunk, and colorfast. In addition, all fabrics shall comply with specifications of the particular uniform or equipment item. Gabardine and elastique fabrics shall display a "Kaumagraph Stamp" indicating the manufacturer and the material.

c. Stitching.

(1) All stitching must be of the proper tension and size so as to avoid puckering after the garment has been cleaned.

(2) All sewing is to be with mercerized thread of a color to match that of the fabric.

d. Leather. Leather items shall be finished black and stamped with a basket weave design in conformance with the specifications provided herein.

e. Metal. Visible metal items shall have a yellow finish. All metal snaps and items worn on the duty belt shall be solid brass.

f. Workmanship. Garments shall be of the highest quality and have no raw edges, defective material, or defective stitching.

g. Tailoring. Garments shall be tailored to the satisfaction of the uniformed employee. Garments shall conform to the appearance standards of the Department.

h. Guarantee. Mills, manufacturers, tailors, and vendors of fabric items must guarantee the workmanship and the genuineness of the material by a strip or cloth label affixed to the garment which states as follows: "This garment is guaranteed to conform to California Highway Patrol specifications."

NOTE: For a list of CHP accepted mills, refer to Annex A of this chapter.

ANNEX A

**ACCEPTABLE MILLS OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS**

Metcalf Brothers & Company
989 Sixth Avenue
New York, NY 10018
(212) 564-8700

Jatai Mills
9156 East La Rosa Drive
Temple City, CA 91780
(626) 291-2518

Burlington Industries Menswear -
Raeford Material
899 Burlington Drive
Clarksville, VA 23927
(434) 374-8111

Global Tex, Inc.
9 Summer Island Lane
Kiawah, SC 29455
(843) 768-7200

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