**Mechanical operations**

*Mechanical operations are substantial processes that physically change the characteristics of the yarn to improve its look, performance, feel and properties. Mechanical operations include spinning, twisting, gimping and texturizing but are not limited to these processes.*

*Chemical treatments as well as beaming are not assumed as “any mechanical operation”.*

**Printing standalone**

*‘Printing (as standalone operation)’ means a technique by which an objectively assessed function, such as colour, design, or technical performance, is given to a textile substrate with a permanent character, using screen, roller, digital or transfer techniques combined with at least two preparatory or finishing operations (such as scouring, bleaching, mercerizing, heat setting, raising, calendaring, shrink resistance processing, permanent finishing, decatising, impregnating, mending and burling, shearing, singeing, process of air-tumbler, process of stenter, milling, steam and shrinking, and wet decatising), provided that the value of all the non-originating materials used does not exceed 50 per cent of the EXW of the product.*