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Shade Evaluation Light Source Change

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SHADE EVALUATION LIGHT SOURCE CHANGE



Military Primary Light Source Transition

AATCC Evaluation Procedure 9

“Evaluation Procedure for Visual Assessment of Color Difference of Textiles”

Current: CIE Illuminant Daylight 7500K (D75)

Future: CIE Standard Illuminant Daylight 6500K (D65)



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Reasoning:

- **D75 light source is becoming obsolete**
- **Standard Illuminant or Light Source:**
 - U.S. Military: D75
 - Commercial: D65
- **D75 selected by the U.S. Military in the late 1940s**
- **Industry transition to D65 in the 1960s; No military change**



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Planning:

1. **Concurrence from all services**
2. **Pending and future contracts will use D65 light sources for shade evaluation.**
3. **Current contracts will be evaluated for potential light source transition.**

Current contracts selected for transition to D65 having AATCC Evaluation Procedure 9 failures under the D65 source will be evaluated under the D75 source for a specified period of time after the light source transition.
4. **Timeline is TBD**
 - The secondary light source, used to check for the presence of metamerism, will continue as CIE Standard Illuminant A (incandescent)
 - Results will be noted on all reports indicating the light source used and related shade comments.



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- **Contract Questions:**

**Speak with your Contracting Officer
or Contracting Officer Representative**

- **All Other Questions:**

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