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Reprocessed Shoulder Pads in Tailor Shops

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Inflation is noticeable in one of two ways: either by an increase in the cost of an item, or by a decrease in the quantity of an item in a package where the price remained constant. For example, a bag of potato chips is still the same price. However, fewer potato chips are being placed within the bag. Similarly, the price of shoulder pads has not gone up, but they are now being manufactured more cheaply, with reprocessed and recycled materials.

How has this affected the shatnez field?

Tailor shops in Lakewood that have been replacing or adding shoulder pads have always used shoulder pads filled with pure cotton fibers. Recently it was discovered that the shoulder pads used by these tailors were filled with reprocessed fibers and threads, possibly creating a shatnez concern.

What was even more surprising was that the

tailors had not changed their suppliers. The Jewish tailoring supply company, which had previously supplied the tailor shops with pure cotton shoulder pads, had begun supplying reprocessed shoulder pads in order to maintain their prices.

As soon as this discovery was made, the Jewish tailoring supply company was contacted and told to send only pure cotton shoulder pads.

The Doctor That Arrived at the Perfect Time

Mrs. Katzenstein, a shatnez tester residing in the Five Towns (New York), related the following incident. It was on a Friday afternoon, when a light bulb shattered and many fragments of glass went flying into the face of her son, who had been innocently trying to replace a light bulb *lekavod Shabbos*.

Mrs. Katzenstein was in a frenzy. Her son had to be

seen by a doctor to ensure that no glass was in his eyes, which meant taking him to the hospital's emergency room. It was a short Friday afternoon, and she was afraid they would not get back home in time for Shabbos.

To add to the confusion, at that moment, a customer arrived to pick up her husband's suits. Mrs. Katzenstein had never seen

this woman before, in all her years of shatnez testing. The customer noticed that Mrs. Katzenstein seemed rushed, and asked if she could be of any help. Mrs. Katzenstein related what had transpired, and the customer replied that she was an ophthalmologist. She checked the boy's eyes right there, and they did not have to go to the emergency room.

What Happens When Tailors Remove Shatnez?

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Several Brioni suits were brought into the Chicago lab, supposedly having had the shatnez removed by the company that sold them. There were some remaining linen threads in the collars of most of the suits. The tailor had also cut out most of the shatnez canvas in the waistband of the pants, but he left entire pieces in the places most difficult to see and access. In some cases it was cleverly hidden by a new canvas sewn on top of it. The entire lining, including the belt loops, had to be removed to see it clearly. This incident underscores the importance of having all shatnez removed by a qualified shatnez tester.

Shatnez Alerts

Below is a list of garments that were recently found to contain shatnez. The information contained in this listing is current at the time of publication. Changes are constantly occurring and it is important to keep up to date. Please contact your local shatnez laboratory to receive updates via email.

Men's Suits

Adolfo Moldova
Andrew Fezza Macedonia
Antonio Treviso China
Armani Collezioni Italy
Asprey Italy
Aveti Italy
Axcess China
Banana Republic Egypt, China
Barneys New York China, Italy
Biemonte Wongs Hong Kong
Bill Blass China
Borrelli Napoli Italy
Brooks Brothers
Italy, U.S.A., Thailand
Brownson France
Bulgarini Italy
Burberry U.S.A
Canali Italy
Carins Germany
Cerruti
Claiborne China, India
Concepts by Claiborne China
Corneliani Italy
Daniel Hechter-Paris China
David Lance U.S.A
Dino Nardiello Italy
Dior Italy
Dolce & Gabbana Italy
Enzo Collection Italy
Ermenegildo Zegna
Switzerland, Spain
Facnnable Italy
Fendi Italy
Gian Luca Napoli
Gianfranco Ferre Italy
Giorgio Cavalli Italy
Giorgio Valentini Italy
Gucci Italy
Haggar Vietnam
Hickey U.S.A.
Hickey Freeman U.S.A.
Hugo Boss West Germany,
Turkey, U.S.A., Slovenia
Hugo James
Hunter Haig U.S.A.
Isaia Napoli Italy
J. Crew China
Jaegear
JhaneBarnes China
Joe Abboud
John Varvatos*USA Mexico
John. W. Nordstrom China
Jonathan Martin Israel
Jones New York China
Jos. A. Bank Signature
Collection Mexico
Joseph Abboud Collection
U.S.A.
Kiton Italy
London Frei
Louis Dell O'lio Italy
Luca Rossi Italy
Luigi Bertoli
Luigi Cardini Italy
Mabro Uomo Italy
Mani Mexico
Manzini Italy
Marc by Marc Jacobs Turkey
100% cotton
Medit Italy
Mike Tailor Hong Kong
Moda Italia
Moda Uomo Italy
Nuevas Tendencias De
Caramelo Spain
Pal Zileri Italy
Paul Smith Italy
Pierre Of Paris
Custom Tailor Designs
Polo by Ralph Lauren Italy
Prada Italy
Princeton Italy
Ravazzola Italy
Red & Lowson Italy
Sarar Turkey
Sartoria Aretina Italy
Sartoria Partenoepa Italy
Sisley Italy Cotton/Linen
Spurr Italy
Studio Milano Italy
Taylor & Sons
Theory U.S.A.
Toccam Mexico
Valentino Italy
Versace Collection China
Vestimenta Italy
Vitali Italy
YvesSaintLaurent Italy
Z. Zegna Mexico
Zara Man Bulgaria, Morocco

Men's Ties

Brioni Italy, silk/linen
Bvlgari Italy, silk/linen
C. Campora Napoli Italy, lin/silk
Massimo Dutti Spain, silk

Men's Wool Coats

Agnona Italy
Alexandre Sweden
Burberry Turkey
Canali Italy
Dries Van Noten Wool/Linen
Ermenegildo Zegna Italy
Hickey Freeman U.S.A.
Hugo Boss Turkey, Ukraine
Jaguar
John Varvatos*USA China
John. W. Nordstrom China
Kenneth Cole -New York
London Fog Vietnam
Mario Velente Italy
Michael Kors Vietnam
Waker Mortan

Men's Raincoats

Banana Republic
Burberry England

Ladies' Sweaters

Angel Apparel Turkey
Ann Taylor Petite China
Banana Republic China
Calvin Klein China
Calvin Klein Jeans China
Castle Starr
J. Crew China
Juicy Couture China
Moth China
Necessary Objects China
Pailo Rodesco Italy
Twenty One China
Vertical Design China
Woolrich China

Ladies' Skirts

Hazel China
Junee China
Merona China

Ladies' Coats

Cinzia Rocca Italy
Cole Haan wool/linen blend
Esprit Dominican Republic
Laundry By Design Vietnam
Phase Eight
Stephania Rinaldi Italy
Tadon Collezioni Italy
Valentini Italy
Your Sixth Sense

Ladies' Suits/Jackets

Banana Republic Turkey, Italy
Claire Paris France
Corbin Collection
Custom Designed China
Gap Indonesia
Marta Palmieri Italy
Max Mara Romania
Simon Chang China
Sonia Rykiel France

Boys' Sweaters

Pappa Ciccia Kids Italy

Boys' Suits

Baggio Italy
Brooks Brothers Mexico
Dal Lago
Francesco Della Rovere Italy
Hart Schaffner Marx Vietnam
Ike Behar Vietnam
Louis Dell O'lio Italy
Magil
Mezzanotte Italy
Zanotti Italy

Children's Vest & Pants

Piu Bello China

Girls' Skirts

CZ by Carolina Zapf New York
China
Peek & P

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