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UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE – United Kingdom

European regulation :

- NA

National regulation – United Kingdom :

- Statutory Instruments 1988 No. 1324 of 26 July 1988 modified "The furniture and furnishings (fire) (safety) Regulations 1988"
Regulations modifying SI 1988 No. 1324 :
 - SI 1989 No. 2358 of 13 December 1989
 - SI 1993 No. 207 of 8 February 1993
 - SI 2010 No. 2205 of 5 September 2010

Scope :

- Upholstered furniture (including children furniture) such as **scatter cushions (included toy-cushions), seat pads, pillows, floor cushions, bean bags, mattresses, beds, head-boards of beds, nursery furniture, covers for furniture, ...**
(Sleeping bags, bed-clothes (including duvets), loose covers for mattresses, pillowcases, curtains, carpets, play mats and baby changing mats are not concerned.)

Requirements :

- **Ignition resistance :**
 - **General requirements :**
 - Filling materials (foam/non foam and composite fillings) must meet specified ignition requirements (schedules 1 and 2 of SI 1988 No. 1324 modified).
 - Upholstery composites must be cigarette resistant (schedule 4).
 - Covers must be match resistant (schedule 5).
 - Interliners (fabrics treated with a fire-retardant chemical to reduce the ignitability of the upholstery) must pass ignition test (schedule 3).
 - **Focus on requirements for scatter cushions:**
The tests will apply only on the filling material.
- **Labelling :**
 - A display label must be attached to furniture which is exposed for supply by retail (except for mattresses, bed-bases, pillows and cushions).
 - A permanent label must be attached to all furniture (except mattresses and bed-bases) which includes upholstery and to covers other than permanent covers.

Test methods :

- BS 5852 : 1990
 - BS 5852 part 1 : 1979 relative to fire resistance of UPHOLSTERY and COVER fabric (cigarette resistance test, match test)
*(this standard does not concern **scatter cushions, seat pads and pillows**)*
 - BS 5852 part 2 : 1982 relative to fire resistance of FILLING materials.
- BS 6807 : 1986 relative to resistance to ignition of composite filling of mattresses and bed-bases.

Display labels (excepted for mattresses, bed-bases, pillows, scatter cushions, seat pads, loose and stretch covers) :

- There are 3 specific display labels (with 2 sides printed) which must be attached to the furniture :
 - for furniture which meets the filling requirements and is cigarette resistant.



- for furniture which meets the filling requirements and is both cigarette and match resistant.



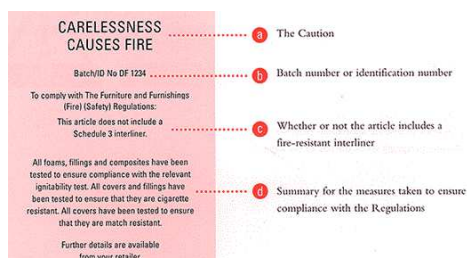
- for furniture which meets the filling requirements and is cigarette resistant, but cover fabric is not match resistant, and there is an interliner which passes the specified test.



Permanent label (excepted for mattresses and bed-bases) :

- Permanent label with legible and durable printed letters (size at least 2,5 mm high) and sufficient contrast with colour of label to be seen clearly ; it must be securely attached to the furniture.

There are 2 possible versions of label : a full label (the left one hereunder) or a shorter label (the right one hereunder).



As an example, for pillows, scatter cushions, and seat pads it is possible to put only information a, b and e (for full label) or information a and d (for short label).

- Best practice purposes: batch/ID number for traceability.

Examples of TOY-CUSHIONS



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