
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 726

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Fabrics (Misdescription) Regulations 1980

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Fabrics (Misdescription) Act 1913(a) and now vested in him(b), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fabrics (Misdescription) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 23rd June 1980.

2. A textile fabric to which is attributed the degree of the quality of non-inflammability or safety from fire of being resistant to ignition from smouldering cigarettes or of being resistant to ignition from lighted matches when used (in either case) in a specified combination with certain other upholstery materials shall be deemed to conform to the requisite standard of non-inflammability for the purposes of the said Act of 1913 if it will satisfy the smouldering cigarette test or, as the case may be, the butane flame test within the meaning of the Upholstered Furniture (Safety) Regulations 1980(c) when tested in that combination in the manner described in Regulation 2(2)(b) of those Regulations, notwithstanding that it does not conform to the standard prescribed by Regulation 2 of the Fabrics (Misdescription) Regulations 1959(d) or Regulation 5 of the Fabrics (Misdescription) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1959(e).

Sally Oppenheim,
 Minister of State,
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23rd May 1980.

(a) 1913 c. 17. (b) S.I. 1957/1077, 1970/1537; 1922 (Session 2) (c. 2), s.1(1), Sch. 1, para. 1(1), 1973 (c. 36), s. 40(1), Sch. 5, para. 4(1). (c) S.I. 1980/725. (d) S.I. 1959/616. (e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959/75.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the standards to which textile fabric must conform for the purposes of the Fabrics (Misdescription) Act 1913 if it is described as being resistant to ignition from smouldering cigarettes or lighted matches when used in combination with other upholstery materials.