2010 No. 2205

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2010

Made - - - - 5th September 2010
Laid before Parliament 6th September 2010
Coming into force - - 1st October 2010

In accordance with section 11(5) of the Consumer Protection Act 1987(a), the Secretary of State has consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations and such other persons as he considers appropriate.

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11(b) of the said Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 and come into force on 1st October 2010.

Amendment of the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988

2.—(1) The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988(c) are amended as follows.

(2) For each of—

(a) paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 Part I (Ignitability test for polyurethane foam in slab or cushion form),

(b) paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 Part II (Ignitability test for polyurethane foam in crumb form), and

(c) paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 Part III (Ignitability test for latex rubber foam)

substitute—

"2. The fabric shall be made of 100 per cent flame retardant polyester fibre.
The construction of the fabric shall be woven to a plain weave.
The yarn in the warp shall be spun to a linear density of 37 tex plus or minus 10 per cent.

(a) 1987 c. 43. Subsection 5 was amended by S.I. 2008/960.
(b) Section 11 was amended by S.I. 2005/1803 and other amendments which are not relevant.
The yarn in the weft shall be spun to a linear density of 100 tex plus or minus 10 per cent.

The fabric shall be scoured and heat set.

The fabric shall be woven so as to have a finished fabric construction of—

(a) 20.5 plus or minus 1 yarn threads per centimetre in the warp and

(b) 12.5 plus or minus 1 yarn threads per centimetre in the weft.

Its mass shall be 220 grammes per square metre plus or minus 5 per cent.”.

(3) For paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 (Ignition resistance test for interliner), substitute—

“3. The fabric shall be made from 100 per cent flame retardant polyester fibre.

The construction of the fabric shall be woven to a plain weave.

The yarn in the warp shall be spun to a linear density of 37 tex plus or minus 10 per cent.

The yarn in the weft shall be spun to a linear density of 100 tex plus or minus 10 per cent.

The fabric shall be scoured and heat set.

The fabric shall be woven so as to have a finished fabric construction of—

(a) 20.5 plus or minus 1 yarn threads per centimetre in the warp and

(b) 12.5 plus or minus 1 yarn threads per centimetre in the weft.

Its mass shall be 220 grammes per square metre plus or minus 5 per cent.”.

Edward Davey

Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs

5th September 2010

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
EXPLANATORY NOTE
(This note does not form part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 to substitute a test cover fabric specification.


A Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs to business and the voluntary sector is available from the BIS website (www.bis.gov.uk). It is also annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website (www.opsi.gov.uk). Copies have also been placed in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.
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