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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988**

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**THE FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS  
(FIRE) (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1988**

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SCHEDULE 1 —

PART I

Ignitability test for polyurethane foam in slab or cushion form....

1. The foam shall be tested in accordance with the method...
2. The fabric shall be made of 100 per cent flame...
3. The test rig as specified in clause 6.1.1 of BS...

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4. The foam under test, cut to the specified dimensions is...
5. If failure against the criteria of clause 4 of BS...
  - PART II
  - Ignitability test for polyurethane foam in crumb form.
    1. The foam shall be tested in accordance with the method...
    2. The fabric shall be made of 100 per cent flame...
    3. The test rig panels are lined with the fabric specified...
    4. If smouldering or flaming failure against the criteria of clause...
  - PART III
  - Ignitability test for latex rubber foam.
    1. The foam shall be tested in accordance with the method...
    2. The fabric shall be made of 100 per cent flame...
    3. The foam under test cut to the specified dimensions is...
    4. If smouldering or flaming failure against the criteria of clause...

#### SCHEDULE 2 —

##### PART I

Ignitability test for non-foam filling materials singly.

1. The filling material shall be tested in accordance with the...
2. The specimen comprising the filling material to be tested and...
3. If smouldering or flaming failure against the criteria of clause...

##### PART II

Ignitability test for composite fillings for furniture other than mattresses,...

The composite fillings, covered with the primary cover are built...

##### PART III

Composite test for ignitability of pillows and cushions with primary...

1. For pillows the test specimen shall comprise the filling and...
2. For cushions with primary covers the test specimen shall be...

##### PART IV

Ignitability test for composite fillings of mattresses and bed-bases.

1. The test specimen shall be prepared as set out in...
2. The specified test fabric as in Schedule 1 Part I...
3. The test shall be carried out according to Section Four...

#### SCHEDULE 3 —

Ignition resistance test for interliner.

1. An interliner which is a fabric that has been treated...
2. The interliner, water-soaked or not as the case may be,...
3. The fabric shall be made of 100 per cent flame...
4. The filling material for the test shall be non fire-retardant...
5. The criteria of failure shall be those specified in clause...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — THE CIGARETTE TEST

1. Modifications to BS 5852: Part 1
2. All braids and other trimmings shall be removed from material...
3. Any covering fabric or fire-barrier material which has been treated...
4. Where a test is to be conducted in respect of...
5. Where the upholstery to be tested is such that the...
6. Where seams are exposed as part of the design of...

#### SCHEDULE 5 — THE MATCH TEST

##### PART I

1. All braids and other trimmings shall be removed from material...

2. Any covering fabric which has been treated with a fire-retardant...
3. The test shall be carried out in accordance with those...
4. The criteria of failure shall be those specified in clause...

#### PART II — THE MATCH TEST FOR STRETCH COVERS

The test for stretch covers shall be conducted in the...

### SCHEDULE 6 —

#### PART I

1. This Schedule applies to all furniture except mattresses, bed-bases, pillows...
2. The appropriate display labels are set out in Parts II,...
3. The display label shall be substantially in the form (including...
4. In the case of furniture sold as a collection of...

#### PART II

Where the requirements of regulations 5, 6, and 8(1) of...

#### PART III

Where the furniture has a permanent cover which does not...

#### PART IV

During the period between 1st March 1989 and 28th February...

### SCHEDULE 7 — PERMANENT LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

#### PART I

1. This Schedule applies to all furniture (except mattresses and bed-bases)...

#### PART II

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, articles mentioned in...
2. (a) the matters set out in subparagraphs (c), (d), (f)...
3. The matters set out in subparagraphs (c), (d), (e) and...
4. The labels specified in this Part of this Schedule may,...
5. In the case of furniture sold as a collection of...
6. The wording and numbering specified in this Part of this...

#### PART III

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, articles mentioned in...
2. The matters set out in subparagraphs (b) and (c) of...
3. The labels specified in this Part of this Schedule may,...
4. In the case of furniture sold as a collection of...
5. The wording and numbering specified in this Part of this...

### SCHEDULE 8 —

Display label for second-hand furniture in period before regulation 14(2)...

The display label required by regulation 14(3) (subject to regulation...

Explanatory Note

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