NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED KINGDOM**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department for Business and Trade, Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS)**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** UK TBT Enquiry PointTrade Policy, Implementation and NegotiationsDepartment for Business and TradeOld Admiralty BuildingLondonSW1A 2DYTBTEnquiriesUK@businessandtrade.gov.uk |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** FURNITURE; BEDDING, MATTRESSES, MATTRESS SUPPORTS, CUSHIONS AND SIMILAR STUFFED FURNISHINGS; LUMINAIRES AND LIGHTING FITTINGS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED; ILLUMINATED SIGNS, ILLUMINATED NAMEPLATES AND THE LIKE; PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS (HS code(s): 94) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2025; (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This notification intends to alert Members to amendments to the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 (the FFRs).The proposed draft statutory instrument will amend the FFRs in the following ways:* Amend the scope of products to which the FFRs apply, notably exclude certain baby and children's products from scope of the FFRs. A full list of products that will be excluded by the statutory instrument are provided in the notified document;
* Remove the requirement for manufacturers to affix a display label to new products; and
* Extend the time frame for instituting legal proceedings from 6 – 12 months.

The amended regulations will apply UK-wide, as the current regulations do; for the protection of human health and safety. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The FFRs, as amended in 1989, 1993 and 2010, sets fire safety levels for domestic upholstered furniture. They were introduced to respond to the increasing number of UK furniture fire-related deaths in the home from the 1960s to the 1980s, as cheaper but more flammable materials were replacing naturally fire-resistant materials in furniture making.; Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Statutory Instrument: The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (attached)Smarter Regulation: Fire Safety of domestic upholstered furniture - GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smarter-regulation-fire-safety-of-domestic-upholstered-furniture> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 24 April 2025**Proposed date of entry into force:** 24 October 2025 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** UK TBT Enquiry PointTrade Policy, Implementation and NegotiationsDepartment for Business and TradeOld Admiralty BuildingLondonSW1A 2DYtbtenquiriesuk@businessandtrade.gov.uk<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/GBR/25_00918_00_e.pdf> |