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

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# Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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## 2. Member State

UK

# 3. Department Responsible

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# 3. Originating Department

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Consumer and Competition Policy Directorate

# 4. Notification Number

2010/0160/UK - X30M

#### 5. Title

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

### 6. Products Concerned

Domestic upholstered furniture, furnishings and other products containing upholstery

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 (FFRs) set levels of fire resistance for domestic upholstered furniture, furnishings and other products containing upholstery. Filling materials and interliners must be tested using a fabric outlined in Schedules 1 and 3 of the regulations. This notification proposes a change to the specification of the test fabric which is detailed in Schedules 1 and 3 of the FFRs.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The reason for making the change to the regulation is on the grounds of consumer safety. The test fabric specified in the original regulations is no longer commercially available which means there are problems with compliance and enforcement of this aspect of the FFRs. Updating the fabric specification will ensure consumer safety by providing clear safety levels of fire resistance in upholstered furniture which are enforceable.

# 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: The following documents will help in the understanding and assessment of the new draft regulations (attached separately).

- Consultation on a proposed amendment to Schedules 1 and 3 to the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 (BIS 09/1361)
- Government Response to the consultation on a proposed amendment to Schedules 1 and 3 to the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 (BIS 10/695)

### 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

# 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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### 13. Confidentiality

No



Single Market for goods Prevention of Technical Barriers

# 14. Fiscal measures

No

# 15. Impact assessment

Yes

# 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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