

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



INDUSTRY ADVISORY

Business and Professions Code (BPC) §19072 – Shared Responsibility

**What Does “Shared Responsibility” Mean?**

BPC §19072. Responsibility for compliance with [the Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Act] rests not only with the manufacturer but also with the importer, wholesaler, retailer, or any person having in his or her possession any article of upholstered furniture or bedding, or filling materials with intent to resell contrary to the provisions of [the Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Act].

**How Does This Affect My Business?**

As a manufacturer, importer, wholesaler, or retailer of upholstered furniture and bedding sold in California – you are responsible for ensuring that law and *flammability labels*\* compliant with the Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Act (including TB 117-2013 and the Flame Retardant Chemical Statement) are affixed to your product.

The Bureau will impose enforcement and/or disciplinary action toward all responsible parties as the result of noncompliant law and flammability labels including monetary fines and/or license revocation.

*\*Bedding does not require a TB 117-2013 flammability label or flame retardant chemical statement.*

Please review approved labeling formats by clicking below

<p>UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER</p>	<p>NOTICE</p> <p>THIS ARTICLE MEETS THE FLAMMABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE REPAIR, HOME FURNISHINGS AND THERMAL INSULATION TECHNICAL BULLETIN 117-2013. CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED NEAR OPEN FLAME OR WITH BURNING CIGARETTES.</p>	<p>THE UPHOLSTERY MATERIALS IN THIS PRODUCT: ___ CONTAIN ADDED FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS ___ CONTAIN NO ADDED FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS UPDATED THE FLAMMABILITY STANDARD AND DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PRODUCT CAN BE MET WITHOUT ADDING FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS. THE STATE HAS IDENTIFIED MANY FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS AS BEING KNOWN TO, OR STRONGLY SUSPECTED OF, ADVERSELY IMPACTING HUMAN HEALTH OR DEVELOPMENT.</p>
<p><b>ALL NEW MATERIAL</b> consisting of</p> <p>XXXXXXXXX .....XXX%</p>		
<p>REG. NO. XX12345(XX)</p>		
<p>Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article are described in accordance with law.</p>		

**For more information regarding compliant law and flammability labels, please contact: Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation (BEARHFTI) at 4244 South Market Court, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95834-1243, by e-mailing [homeproducts@dca.ca.gov](mailto:homeproducts@dca.ca.gov), or by calling (916) 999-2041.**