

通报

以下通报根据 TBT 协定第 10.6 条分发

1.	<p>通报成员: 英国</p> <p>如适用, 所涉及的地方政府名称 (第 3.2 和 7.2 条):</p>
2.	<p>负责机构: 商务贸易部产品安全和标准办公室 (OPSS)</p> <p>处理通知意见的机构或机构的名称和地址 (包括电话和传真号码、电子邮件和网站地址, 如果有的话) 如与上述不同, 应注明:</p> <p>英国 TBT 咨询点</p> <p>贸易政策、实施和谈判</p> <p>商务贸易部</p>

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3.	<p>通报依据的条款: [X] 2.9.2,[] 2.10.1,[] 5.6.2,[] 5.7.1 其他:</p>
4.	<p>覆盖的产品: 在英国市场上销售的、供在英国消费的家用（家居）软垫家具和装修。软垫被定义为“全部或部分由以下材料组成：i) 织物、皮革或其他覆盖材料；ii) 用于填充、膨胀或堵塞覆盖部件的材料；或全部或部分由泡沫组成”。范围内的典型产品包括一定尺寸以上的沙发、扶手椅和床垫。一些符合定义的产品不包括在内。这些产品包括羽绒被、婴儿提篮和一定尺寸以下的散垫。</p> <p>ICS: HS:</p>
5.	<p>通报标题: 关于家用软垫家具消防安全新方法的意见</p> <p>页数: 49 页 使用语言: 英语 链接网址:</p>
6.	<p>内容简述: 本通报旨在提醒各成员注意，英国政府就维持和改善家用软垫家具和装修防火安全的拟议新政策公开征求意见。新政策将取代由 1988 年家具和装修（防火）（安全）条例实施的现行政策。</p> <p>新政策对范围内产品的制造商、进口商和其他供应商提出了新的义务。其中包括所有产品必须满足的基本安全要求，取代了</p>

	<p>强制性测试要求。该政策包括与标签有关的要求，以支持产品的可追溯性和执行，并向消费者和废物处理经营商提供有关化学阻燃剂使用的信息。该政策提出了新的符合性评估方法、新的技术文件要求以支持执法，以及阻燃剂技术等级制度，鼓励制造商优先采用不含化学物质的解决方案。该政策还明确并修订了范围，并规定了重新装潢商和二手产品供应商的义务。此外，还设立过渡期，支持企业从遵守 1988 年法规（现行政策）过渡到新政策，并延长执法人员对违反法规行为提起法律诉讼的期限。</p> <p>全部详情见通报的文件。</p>
7.	<p>目的和理由：1989 年、1993 年和 2010 年经修订的 1988 年家具和装修（防火）（安全）条例（FFR）规定了家用软垫家具的防火安全级别。从 20 世纪 60 年代到 80 年代，英国因家具火灾而死亡的人数不断增加，因为在家具制造过程中，更便宜但更易燃的材料取代了天然防火材料。</p> <p>这些规定自推出以来一直没有进行过实质性修订，现在反映的是一项过时的政策。特别是法规适用的产品范围和易燃性测试制度，既不能反映现代火灾的危险，也不能反映家庭中产品的消防安全。现行政策还导致将化学阻燃剂（CFR）广泛用作为满足易燃性要求最具成本效益的方法，但人们担心化学阻燃剂对健康和环境造成不利影响，尤其是对婴幼儿。</p> <p>因此，拟议新政策的目标有：</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 保持并改善适用范围内产品的消防安全效果；· 鼓励减少使用化学阻燃剂作为确保家具防火安全的一种手段；· 让制造商选择合规方式，促进创新；· 促进和支持有效执法。

	<p>这项拟议的新方法采用全球广泛接受的既定方法，使家用软垫家具和装修的防火安全监管与英国产品安全框架的其他部分保持一致。</p> <p>与现行制度一样，新法规将在整个英国范围内适用。</p> <p>保护人类健康和安全</p>
8.	<p>相关文件：</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 征求意见：“关于家用软垫家具消防安全新方法的意见”-该文件列出了拟议新政策的详细情况，并征求有关各方的意见； https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smarter-regulation-fire-safety-of-domestic-upholstered-furniture。 2. 征求意见前的影响评估-该评估列出了拟议政策对国际贸易的预期影响。 3. 拟议的新法规草案：“20XX 年家具和装修（防火）（安全）条例”。-条例草案征求意见之后的版本将在世界贸易组织公布，有 60 天的评议期，并在稍后日期实施 6 个月。
9.	<p>拟批准日期：待通报法规草案之时确定</p> <p>拟生效日期：待通报法规草案之时确定</p>
10.	<p>意见反馈截至日期：2023 年 10 月 24 日</p>
11.	<p>文本可从以下机构得到：<input type="checkbox"/> 国家通报机构 <input type="checkbox"/> 国家咨询点，或其他机构的联系地址、传真及电子邮件地址（如能提供）：</p> <p>英国 TBT 咨询点 贸易政策小组 国际贸易部 Old Admiralty Building London SW1A 2DY</p> <p>TBTEnquiriesUK@businessandtrade.gov.uk</p>

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> 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 Point

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3. **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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):** Domestic (household) upholstered furniture and furnishings placed on the market in the UK for consumption in the UK. Upholstered is defined as 'wholly or partly composed of i) a fabric, leather or other cover material, and ii) a material used for filling, bulking out or stuffing covered components; or wholly or partly composed of foam'. Typical products in scope include sofas, arm-chairs and mattresses above a certain size. A number of products that meet the definition are excluded. These include duvets, carry cots for babies, and scatter cushions below a certain size.
5. **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Consultation on the new approach to the fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture; (49 page(s), in English)
6. **Description of content:** This notification intends to alert Members to a UK Government public consultation for views on a proposed new policy to maintain and improve the fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture and furnishings. The new policy will replace the existing policy, which is implemented by the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988.

The new policy proposes new obligations on manufacturers, importers and further suppliers of products in scope. The proposals include essential safety requirements that all products must meet, replacing mandatory testing requirements. They include requirements relating to labelling to support product traceability and enforcement, and to provide information about the use of chemical flame retardants to consumers and waste disposal operators. It proposes a new approach to conformity assessment, new technical documentation requirements to support

enforcement, and a flame retardant technology hierarchy to encourage manufacturers to prioritise chemical free solutions. It also clarifies and amends the scope and sets out obligations for re-upholsterers and suppliers of second-hand products. There is also a proposal for a transition period, supporting businesses to transition from complying with the 1988 Regulations (the existing policy) to the new policy, and an extension to the period of time enforcement officers can institute legal proceedings for a breach of the regulations

Full details are provided in the notified document.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:

The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988, as amended in 1989, 1993 and 2010 (the FFRs), set 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.

They have not been substantially revised since they were introduced and now reflect an outdated policy. Specifically, the scope of products to which the regulations apply and the flammability testing regime, which does not reflect modern fire hazards nor the fire safety of products as they exist in the home. The existing policy has also led to the widespread use of chemical flame retardants (CFRs) as the most cost-effective way of meeting flammability requirements and there is concern about the adverse effects to health and the environment of CFRs, particularly babies and young children.

As such, the objectives of the proposed new policy are:

- Maintain and improve fire safety outcomes for products in scope;
- Encourage a reduction in the use of chemical flame retardants as a means to making furniture fire safe;
- Facilitate innovation by giving manufacturers a choice in how to comply;
- Facilitate and support effective enforcement.

This proposed new approach brings the regulation of fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture and furnishings into line with the rest of the UK product safety framework, using established approaches that are widely accepted globally.

The new regulations will apply UK-wide, as the current regime does.

Protection of human health or safety

8. Relevant documents:

1. The consultation document: 'Consultation on the new approach to the fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture' – this sets out the details of the proposed new policy and seeks views from interested parties; <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smarter-regulation-fire-safety-of-domestic-upholstered-furniture>
2. A pre-consultation Impact Assessment – this sets out the anticipated impact of the proposed policy on international trade.
3. A draft of the proposed new regulations: 'The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 20XX'. - A post consultation version of draft regulations will be notified at the WTO with a 60 day comment period and 6 months implementation at a later date.

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be confirmed when the draft regulations are notified

Proposed date of entry into force: To be confirmed when the draft regulations are notified

10. Final date for comments: 24 October 2023

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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