

US California Repealed Flammability Standard for Seating Furniture in Public Spaces



On January 23, 2019, the California Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation (BEARHFTI) amended furniture flammability standards by removing requirements of Technical Bulletin (TB) 133, entitled 'Flammability Test Procedure for Seating Furniture- For Use in Public Occupancies'.

Since 1991, all upholstered seating furniture sold for use in public occupancies should meet the test requirements set forth in the State of California BEARHFTI and should have open flame test under TB 133.

Effective on January 22, 2019, open flame test (TB 133) is not required for upholstered furniture; however, upholstered furniture should still meet all flammability requirements of TB 117, entitled 'Requirements, Test Procedure and Apparatus for Testing the Smolder Resistance of Materials' and TB 116, entitled 'Test Procedures and Apparatus for Testing the Flame Retardance of Upholstered Furniture'.

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California Legislative Information, Assembly Bill AB-2998, 09/29/2018

https://bhgs.dca.ca.gov/laws/famability_noa.pdf

Technical Bulletin 117, 'Requirements, Test Procedure and Apparatus for Testing the Smolder Resistance of Materials Used in Upholstered Furniture', January 2013

<https://bhgs.dca.ca.gov/industry/117.pdf>

Technical Bulletin 116, 'Requirements, Test Procedure and Apparatus for Testing the Flame Retardance of Upholstered Furniture', January 1980

<https://bhgs.dca.ca.gov/industry/116.pdf>