



## **California Approved Amendment to Exempt Certain Juvenile Furniture from Technical Bulletin 117**

The California Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation has recently amended the Section 1374.2, Title 4, Article 13 of the California Code of Regulations to exempt certain juvenile furniture from the flammability requirements of Technical Bulletin 117 (TB 117).

### **Amend section 1374.2 to read as follows:**

#### **1374.2. Criteria for Exemption.**

Articles of upholstered furniture, other than furniture used for and in facilities designed for the care or treatment of humans, which meet any of the following criteria shall be exempt from compliance with the provisions of Section 19161 of the Home Furnishings Act:

- (a) Cushions and pads intended solely for outdoor use.
- (b) Any article which is smooth surfaced and contains no more than one-half (1/2) inch of filling material, provided that such article does not have a horizontal surface meeting a vertical surface.
- (c) Strollers, infant carriers, and nursing pillows.

Beginning from 29th December 2010, strollers, infant carriers, and nursing pillows are exempt from the flammability requirements of Technical Bulletin 117. However, the industry must ensure that these three products continue to comply the labeling requirement of TB 117.

TB 117 is a mandatory flammability requirement for all residential upholstered seating furniture offered for sale in California.

The Bureau examined the fuel load content of a large number of juvenile products and found that most strollers, infant carriers, and nursing pillows available in the market contain a much lesser amount of resilient filling materials than average adult seating furniture. Further, the most flammable polyurethane foam is rarely used in these products and the filling materials of these products were mostly composed of synthetic batting that passes TB 117 without the need for any fire retardant treatments. The Bureau has, therefore, concluded that these three items will not pose a serious fire hazard to infants and children.

The Amendment can be viewed at:

[http://www.bhfti.ca.gov/about/laws/decision\\_pending.shtml](http://www.bhfti.ca.gov/about/laws/decision_pending.shtml)

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