

## US California Requires Labeling Toxic Flame Retardants in Furniture

On September 30, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 1019, 'Upholstered furniture: flame retardant chemicals', to require labeling on upholstered furniture to tell shoppers whether it contains toxic flame retardant chemicals.

With this new law, manufacturers of a covered product sold in California can still add flame retardant chemicals to a covered product or component, but they must disclose their use through a label as below:

"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."

A manufacturer of upholstered furniture must indicate the absence or presence of added flame retardant chemicals by placing an "X" in one of the appropriate blanks.

This bill goes into effect on January 1, 2015.

### **Link**

California Legislative Information, SB-1019–Upholstered Furniture: Flame Retardant Chemicals  
[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140SB1019](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB1019)