# Consultation on updating the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations (FFRs) response form

The consultation is available at: [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/furniture-and-furnishing-fire-safety-regulations-proposed-changes-2016](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/furniture-and-furnishing-fire-safety-regulations-proposed-changes-2016)

The closing date for responses is **11 November 2016**.

The form can be submitted by email to: [furniture.consultation2016@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:furniture.consultation2016@bis.gsi.gov.uk) or submitted by letter to:

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Comments: Click here to enter text.

## Questions

Name: Click here to enter text.  
Organisation (if applicable): Click here to enter text.  
Address: Click here to enter text.

|  | **Respondent type** |
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|  | Business representative organisation/trade body |
|  | Central government |
|  | Charity or social enterprise |
|  | Individual |
|  | Test House |
|  | Manufacturer |
|  | Retailer |
|  | Large business (over 250 staff) |
|  | Legal representative |
|  | Local government |
|  | Medium business (50 to 250 staff) |
|  | Micro business (up to 9 staff) |
|  | Small business (10 to 49 staff) |
|  | Trade union or staff association |
|  | Other (please describe) |

### Questions on scope

**Q1 Do you agree with the revised definition of the Regulation’s scope?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q2 Do you agree with the proposals relating to sleeping bags and mattress protectors (i.e. those which can be put in a washing machine are explicitly removed from scope and do not have to meet the requirements of the regulations)?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q3 Do you agree with the proposals relating to cushions and seat pads (i.e. that they remain excluded from cover tests but the definition of these products to be specified more clearly)?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q4 Do you agree with the proposals relating to outdoor furniture (i.e. that outdoor furniture unsuitable for use inside the home, and clearly labelled as not complying with the Regulations) should be out of scope?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q5 Do you agree with the proposals relating to baby products (i.e. that items covered by covered by BS EN1888 (wheeled child conveyances) and BS EN1466 (carry cots and stands) are removed from scope, with padded playpens treated in the same way as mattresses)?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q6 Do you agree with the proposed treatment of second-hand products (i.e. that they would be required to bear the relevant permanent label)?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

### Questions on testing

**Q7 Do you agree to removing the Filling 1 option?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q8 Do you agree that the specifications set out in the draft Regulations for the test foam and fibre wrap are sufficient to achieve the objectives of the Regulations?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q9a Do you agree that the regulations should provide a protective cover option?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q9b If yes, do you agree with our proposed definition of protectiveness?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q10 Do you agree with the proposed requirements for components close to the cover?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q11 Do you agree that there is no need for the cigarette test for covers that pass the revised match test?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

#### For business respondents:

**Q12 Which of the routes to compliance do you expect to follow for most of your products?**

Schedule 3 interliner  Protective cover

Non-protective cover + compliant components  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q13a What do you expect the impact of the testing proposals to be on your use of flame retardants in covers?**

Increase  Decrease  No change  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q13b What do you expect the impact of the testing proposals to be on your overall use of flame retardants?**

Increase  Decrease  No change  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

### Questions on traceability and enforcement

**Q14 Do you agree with the product record/technical file requirements for manufacturers and importers?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q15a Do you agree with the requirements for the single permanent label, and the proposal to remove the requirement for additional display labels?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q15b What do you think is the most effective means of conveying the use of flame   
 retardants in the cover of this product eg by text, symbol?**

Comments: Click here to enter text.

### Other questions on the proposals

**Q16 Do you agree that a 24 month transition period is sufficient, and that the changes should be reviewed in five years?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q17 Do you have any other comments on the proposals or draft regulations?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

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### Questions on the Impact Assessment

**Q18 Do you agree with our estimate of traceability time in the Impact Assessment – ie one-off input of 16 hours per firm and ongoing per year time of 48 hours per firm? If not can you provide additional evidence to support your answer?**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q19 How much do you estimate you would save per year from the removal of the cigarette test?**

Amount saved: Click here to enter text.

Nothing  Not sure

**Q20 How much do you estimate you would save per year from reduced use of flame retardants?**

Amount saved: Click here to enter text.

Nothing  Not sure

**Q21 Are you aware of any further costs or benefits we have not identified in the impact assessment? Please support with any evidence you have.**

Yes  No  Not sure

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Q22 To what extent do you agree that, overall, these proposals represent a reasonable compromise – bearing in mind the information in this consultation document, feedback on the previous (2014) consultation, and other stakeholder input during the review?**

Strongly Agree  Agree  Not sure  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge receipt of individual responses unless you tick the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply

At BEIS we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, would it be okay if we were to contact you again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

Yes No

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