

U.S. California's Act AB 2998

Prohibiting Flame Retardants in Juvenile Products, Upholstered Furniture and Mattresses

The bill AB 2998 was signed by the California Governor on 2018-09-29, prohibiting the sale of juvenile products, mattresses and upholstered furniture that contains specified flame retardants above 1,000 ppm. This requirement is added to Chapter 3 of Division 8 of the "Business and Professions Code". The details are as following:

1. As from 2020-01-01, the Act prohibits any person, including manufacturer, offer sale or distribution in California of new juvenile products, mattresses and upholstered furniture that contain covered flame-retardant chemicals at levels above 1,000 ppm.
2. As from 2020-01-01, the Act also prohibits a custom upholsterer from repairing upholstered furniture or reupholstered furniture using replacement components that contain covered flame-retardant chemicals at levels above 1,000 ppm.
3. The above-mentioned prohibitions do not apply to the following:
 - a. Electronic components of juvenile products, mattresses, reupholstered furniture, upholstered furniture, or any associated casing for those electronic components;
 - b. Upholstered or reupholstered furniture components other than those identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 19094 of the "Business and Professions Code";
 - c. Thread or fiber when used for stitching mattress components together;
 - d. Components of adult mattresses other than foam. "Adult mattresses" means mattresses other than toddler mattresses, crib mattresses, and other infant sleep products.

Note:

"Juvenile product" means a product designed for residential use by infants and children under 12 years of age, including, but not limited to, a bassinet, booster seat, changing pad, floor playmat, highchair, highchair pad, infant bouncer, infant carrier, infant seat, infant swing, infant walker, nursing pad, nursing pillow, playpen side pad, playard, portable hook-on chair, stroller, and children's nap mat.

References:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2998

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