

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Consumer Product Safety Commission (16) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [   ], 5.6.2 [   ], 5.7.1 [   ], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Mattresses and mattress pads (HS Chapter 9404)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads (5 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Commission proposes to amend the flammability standard for mattresses and mattress pads by revising the laundering procedure specified in that standard for mattress pads which contain a fire retardant. These laundering procedures help assure that any chemical flame retardant is not removed or degraded by repeated washing and drying, thereby creating a flammability hazard. The Commission is proposing these amendments because the detergent specified by the existing laundering procedure is no longer available and the operating characteristics of the washing and drying machines required by that procedure are no longer representative of machines now used for home laundering.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety
8.	Relevant documents: 64 FR 13137, 17 March 1999; 16 CFR Part 1632. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 1 June 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The text is also available on the Internet at: <a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html">http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html</a>