



Southern Furniture Industries

PRODUCT COMPLIANCE UPDATE – OCT 2023

SFI QUALITY POLICY

**“TOTAL CUSTOMER SATISFACTION – DRIVEN BY TEAMWORK,
PROCESS PLANNING, CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT, AND
IMPECCABLE QUALITY”**

COMPLIANCE CORNER – PFAS (FLUORINE FREE)



southernmotion.com

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Dear Valued Southern Furniture Supplier,

Please review the information below and respond whether fabrics we are currently purchasing or have purchased in the past from your company contain any of these chemicals.

"PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are used in a variety of products to prevent stains including carpets and textiles, including some performance fabrics, and are described as a class of chemicals that don't naturally break down.

Currently, Maine, New York, California, and Colorado are the first states to enact legislation restricting the use of "intentionally added or regulated" PFAS in textiles, and as the industry and legislative representatives work to further define the exact parameters for compliance on eliminating PFAS from performance fabrics, textile companies that provide product to furniture manufacturers are developing strategies to address the issue."

Please provide the fabric name, your unique fabric number identifier, chemicals present that pertain to this legislation, as well as purchase history and volume that you provided to either Southern Furniture Industries brand.

Additional information can be found on this website: www.epa.gov/pfas

Warm regards,

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Southern Furniture Industries Action Plan

- Supply Chain has reviewed each fabric purchased as it relates to this new regulation for both brands.
- Although currently only state specific in the four states, we expect this to move quickly to other states or nationally.
- All our fabrics have or will transition on the next purchased product or as soon as our current inventory is consumed.
- If you have any questions regarding the specific states of Maine, California, Colorado or New York please send your questions to Sales Service or Compliance personnel.

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COMPLIANCE CORNER – ASTM RECLINER AND MOTION SAFETY STANDARD



CPSC issues Staff Memo to AHFA in April 2023

- *‘Staff requests that your voluntary standards organizations review the enclosed incident data and consider requirements to address these hazards to children’.*
- Staff request is based on 13 incidents occurring between 2011 and 2021.
- CPSC is a voting member of ASTM F15.42 and will be heavily involved in the development of the standard.

ASTM meet with UL and BIFMA to review UL962 ‘HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL FURNISHINGS’ and ANSI/BIFMA X5.4-2020 ‘PUBLIC AND LOUNGE SEATING’

- It was agreed that ASTM would take the lead and the standard would be developed by the **ASTM F15.42 Furniture Safety Subcommittee**.
- AHFA has several member companies on F15.42
- For motion furniture manufacturers, to have a seat/voice at the table, it will be important for you **to join ASTM and the F15.42 furniture safety subcommittee as a voting member**.
- F15.42 is comprised of parents [PAT], consumer advocates [KID, CR], safety advocates/professionals, labs, CPSC staff, and manufacturers.

Southern Motion joined ASTM as Organizational Member June 2023

- Assigned to Preamble/Scope/Definitions Task Group during July 10th ASTM meeting of subcommittee
- Assigned to Storage Ottoman Task Group that CPSC has also requested an entrapment safety standard to be developed.
- Next ASTM meeting will be September 21, 2023, Kansas City, KS

AHFA Annual Compliance Summit – August 2023

- *Development of a new safety specification for motion furniture*
- *Expiration of the 7-year exemption for laminated wood products from requirements in the federal formaldehyde standard*
- *Federal and state actions impacting all performance fabrics containing any PFAS*