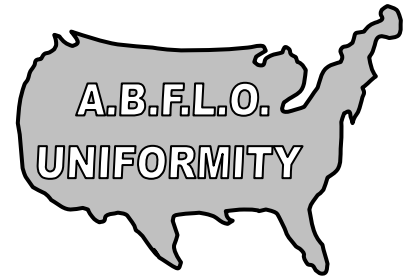




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Ohio Updates Bedding Laws

On August 28, 2002 Ohio's new bedding law, HB 428 went into effect. Most of the changes pertained to strengthening the violation sections and requiring manufacturers and secondhand dealers to keep records for two years.

There are two important revisions that industry should note:

1. Your annual registration renewal payment must be received **BEFORE** the expiration date.

EXAMPLE: If your license expires on Nov. 1st, 2002, your renewal payment must be received before Nov. 1st.

The renewal payment can still be made 90 days after the expiration date, but a penalty of \$100.00 dollars will be applied on top of the renewal fee.

2. If a registrant fails to renew their license 90 days after their expiration date the license becomes invalid. After 90 days a registrant must submit a new application along with new samples and all appropriate fees.

To view or print HB 428 click on the link below:

www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=124_HB_428

For further information call Richard Selegue, Bedding Chief (614) 644-3964 or Bill Cale, Chemist (740) 432-8403.

ABFLO Thank You

Marvin Smith, Printcraft, North Carolina volunteered to print new letterhead and envelopes for ABFLO. New letterhead had not been printed for a number of years and desperately needed updated.

Steve Goldrich, Nobel Pine Products, New York has also volunteered to address and pay postage on over 200 letters being sent by ABFLO to industry encouraging their membership and impute in the association.

Joan Gordon, V. President from CT. is also doing a mailing to all state officials, explaining the importance of their membership and attendance especially in light of the changes taking place with the new "Open Flame" standard.

ABFLO would also like to thank Joan and Charlie Johnson for their tireless work on the incorporation issue. We will have some exciting news to announce at the 2003 ABFLO conference.

2003 ABFLO Meeting

If you have not made your reservations for the 2003 conference in New Orleans,

please mark your calendar for March 5th - 8th, 2003 and call the DoubleTree Hotel New Orleans, 1-888-874-9074 and make your reservations before Nov. 4th, 2002.

This will be the last ABFLO National Conference before the new Open Flame Standard goes into effect. We will have the latest information on the law and approved testing methods.

California Updates TB 117

The Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation is developing an update of Technical Bulletin 117, the upholstered furniture flammability standard. TB 117 has been in effect for 25 years and the Bureau's goal is to enhance the standard so it reflects advances in science and product technology.

Its performance-based flammability specifications are intended to protect consumers and to encourage effective, efficient and innovative compliance strategies.

To view or print "2002 Draft Update TB 117" click on the link below and scroll down :

www.dca.ca.gov/bhfti/

ABFLO WEB SITE

There are new updates on the web site. If you have information that needs listed please e-mail it to me.