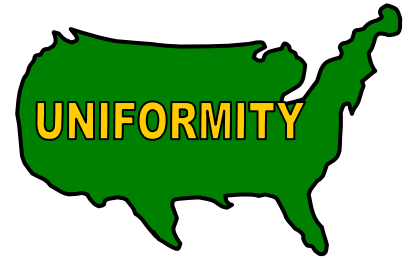




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### 2004 IABFLO MEETING

This is going to be a very busy year if our National Conference is any indicator. We had a tremendous turnout and IABFLO would like to thank everyone who attended for taking the time out of their schedules to participate. Your impute is what makes the meeting.

### MEETING REVIEW

The old style law label with the stamp block was eliminated in 1998. After 6 years we are still seeing the old style label being used. In order to maintain uniformity of labeling the old style label is not to be used after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

#### OLD

All New Material
Reg No.
Cert is made
Name & Address
Other Information
Made in.....

#### NEW

All New Material
Reg. No.
Certification is made
Name & Address
Other Information
Made in.....

Also on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 California's new TB 603 Flammability Standard will take effect. A new law label format has been approved to meet their requirements. The NOTICE will be at the bottom of the law label separated by a bold black line. Below the notice the month and year that the product was manufactured must be listed.

California also requires the finished size and net weight of the filling material to be listed on the label. At this time California has this information listed in the "All New Material" section.

Some state regulations will not permit this information to be listed in this section. In order to maintain uniformity of the law label IABFLO has requested that the size and net weight information be moved to the "Other Information" section on the law label. California has agreed to this revision but they will have to make an amendment to the TB 603 standard which could take some time.

### CURRENT FORMAT FOR TB 603

Space for Stitching
<b>UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY CONSUMER</b>
<b>ALL NEW MATERIAL</b> Consisting of
Finished Size_____ Net Weight_____ of filling material
Reg. No.
Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article are described in accordance with law.
Name & Address
Date of Delivery: Federal RN # Other Federal Information:
<b>MADE IN .....</b>
<b>NOTICE</b> This product meets the requirements of the California Bureau of Home Furnishings Technical Bulletin 603
_____ Month _____ Year

Please note that the TB 603 notice can only be printed at the bottom of the law label.

Last year IABFLO received a letter from the American Down Association requesting that the 95/5 feather and down category be eliminated. Several weeks before our Nation Conference IABFLO received a second letter from the ADA withdrawing their request. At this time IABFLO has tabled the issue of removing the 95/5 feather & down category. Products may be labeled 95/5 as long as they do contain a minimum of 5% Down.

The issue of WHO is responsible for attaching the law label to a product was raised. Over the past several years we have seen more and more manufacturers using overseas venders to supply ether finished products or components for their products. The responsibility for the law label is the person who works on the product last. If you are importing finished products the law label should be attached by the vender overseas. If you are importing component parts and finishing them in your factory you would attach the law label.

A number of questions were asked about what products fell under the law and did they require a law label. Companies are bringing out new products all the time. The best solution this question is to contact several of the states and have them evaluate the product before you go into full production.

Secondhand, Used, As Is, and Comfort Returns were all hot issues at this years meeting. Many states have specific regulations on tagging and sanitization of these items before they can be sold or rented to the consumer. This has become a major issue and next years IABFLO meeting will devote an entire segment to this topic.