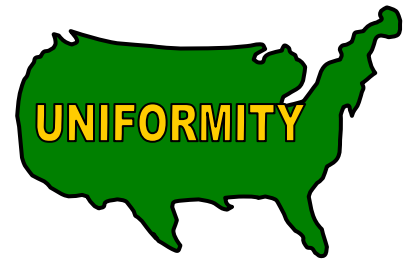




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LAW LABEL QUESTIONS

Several months ago Pennsylvania started sending out letters notifying manufacturers about a change to the law label that will take place on January 1st, 2005.

First, let's take a look at exactly what the change is. Six years ago IABFLO approved the elimination of the blank stamp block in the middle of the law label. At that time a date was not set to switch over to the new format because there were literally millions of products with the old style label attached. From the feedback we received from industry it was felt that it could take two or three years to work all of the inventory through the pipeline.

After almost seven years since the stamp block was eliminated we are still seeing product with the old law label format. A large number of manufacturers have updated their labels to the new format but many are still using the old style. So, at present we have two different law labels in use which is what lead to the cut off date of Jan. 1st, 2005 for the old style law label. Any products shipped after Jan. 1st, 2005 should have the new format law labels. Please look at the examples:

Old Style	New Style
UNDER PENALTY OF LAW	UNDER PENALTY OF
ALL NEW MATERIAL	ALL NEW MATERIAL
REG. NO.	REG. NO.
Certification is made by the manufacturer that the material in this article	Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article
NAME AND ADDRESS	NAME AND ADDRESS
Date of Delivery _____ Finished Size: Net Weight:	Date of Delivery _____ Finished Size: Net Weight:
Made In	Made In.....

TB 603 AND TB 604

IABFLO has received a number of calls and emails concerning exactly what type of products fall under the new California Technical Bulletin 603. Some manufacturers are under the impression that "Top of the Bed" items such as pillows, comforters and mattress pad are covered under TB 603. These items DO NOT fall under TB 603. Technical Bulletin 603 covers only mattresses, box springs or foundations and futons.

California is presently working on Technical Bulletin 604 which will address a flammability standard for bed pillows, bed-rest cushions, comforters, bedspreads, quilted duvet covers, quilted bed pads, quilted bed shams, quilted pillowcases, mattress pads, foam topper pads (covered or bare) and padded headboards. TB 604 will not apply to non-filled bedding items such as blankets, sheets and pillowcases.

California maintains an excellent web site that has all of the information on TB 603. A draft of Technical Bulletin 604 is also posted on their web site at:

www.bhfti.ca.gov

TB 603 LAW LABEL

Over the past several months IABFLO and bedding officials from California have been working together to ensure that a uniform law label is maintained throughout all of the states. On the surface this would not seem to be difficult, but trying to accommodate different state regulations onto one uniform law label can at times very challenging.

IABFLO would like to thank California and all of the other participating states for their time, hard work and cooperation on a uniform TB 603 law label. The example below is the label that will be accepted in all of the states.

Space for stitching
UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER
ALL NEW MATERIAL CONSISTING OF
REG. NO.
Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article are described in accordance with law.
Name and Address of the Manufacturer, Importer or Retailer
Date of Delivery _____ Finished Size: Net Wt. of Filling Mats: (Other Federal Information)
MADE IN
THIS PRODUCT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF HOME FURNISHINGS TECHNICAL BULLETIN 603.
Manufactured in: _____ Month _____ Year